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EDMUND, F. E. GIPPS,
Secretary to Commander-in-Chief.
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A MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, the 17th February, 1902.

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1ST.—To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts and Balance-sheet for the year ending 30th September, 1901.
2ND.—To declare a Dividend.
3RD.—To appoint Directors in the room of those who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
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TO BE SOLD by private treaty (owing to the death of the Managing Director) and up-to-date and quite new Oil Mill, which has only worked for a few months, capable of producing from 4 to 5 tons per day, with apparatus for making Boiled Linseed Oil and Raw Oil from Groundnut, Gingelly, Poppy, Rapeseed, also Cocoanut. The whole is in a substantial building and comprises a Siemen Mather Steel Vertical Multitubular Boiler, 10ft. 9ins. by 5ft., having 220 square feet of heating surface, with all mountings complete, and working at 100lbs. pressure, with Injectors and Donkey Pumps, by Cochrane and Co., Liverpool. Large size Horizontal Steam Engine with strong bed plate and foundation, heavy fly wheels, and latest governor. The plant consists of Crushing Rollers, 5 Rolls. Steam Kettle and Pressure Gauge, Hydraulic Moulding Machines, Paring Machines with screws for breaking up edges of cakes, two Powerful Hydraulic Oil Presses with 16in. rams and 16 plates, each and Hydraulic Gauges worked by separate hydraulic pumps. Steam Jacketed Boiling Pan capable of dealing with 1 1-2 to 2 tons of oil, complete with Pressure Gauges, Pumps, &c. All is fitted with elevator troughs, shaftings, pulleys, &c., complete, laid out to save labour. One Disintegrator for Copra. Four large Storage Tanks capable of holding 25 tons of oil, complete, with Patent draw-off Cocks, Pipes, &c.
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SALES BY AUCTION.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
21, MEDOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

THE SALE of the Bombay National Manufacturing Co., Ltd., (In Liquidation) previously advertised to take place to-day Wednesday, the 12th instant, by order of Messrs Govordhandas Goculdas Tejpal, Narandas Dwarkadas, and Fazulbhoy Visram, is POSTPONED.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
Bombay, 12th March, 1902. Auctioneers.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant, at 2 p.m Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the corner of Church Gate Street, Fort, and opposite the Flora Fountain, the following consisting of glass chandeliers, Lyra lamps, globe lamps, mechanical singing canaries in cage, bentwood tapestry couch and chairs Japanese pannels, best American platedware, rich majolica ware, consisting of jardiniers, pots, figures, busts flower pots and baskets, nickel framed glass show case binocular opera glasses, wall and table clocks, sliding lamps, bronze table lamps, wall brackets rolled gold pocket watches, etc.

This above is now on view.

SALE OF 72 BALES YARN.

On FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at 3 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Naranj Mill premises, Ferguson Road, Parel, by order of the Naranji Mills Company, Ld., and on account and at the risk of Messrs Bhimjee Govindjee and Co—

72 bales, each 400 lbs., No. 6s mule yarn.

A deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

Under instructions from the executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Robert Donaldson, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Mahim Fort, Mahim, near the Customs, on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 2 p.m., blackwood and teakwood household furniture, glassware and crockery, mahogany cottage piano by Soundy, table cloths, lamps, pictures, flower pots, etc.

The property will be on view for three days before the sale.

On SUNDAY, the 16th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Pali Hill, Bandora, the valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, rich crockery and glassware, platedware, sweet-toned cottage piano by Soundy, Persian carpets, China flower vases and wall plates, Japanese cabinets, cane furniture, books, detective hand camera, ice box, wearing apparel, leather dressing case, leather portmanteau and trunks, Chubb's cash box, gent's English saddle, lamps, lady's bicycle, choice plants in pots, etc., the property of the late W. G. NASH Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

On TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by public auction at Middle Colaba, behind the Post Office, the valuable and handsome French polished blackwood and teakwood new designed household furniture, best plated ware, rich crockery and glass ware, sweet toned cottage pianoforte by Schiedmayer and Soehne in good order, large size hall cabinets, almiras, dressing and wash hand tables with crockery, side boards, dumb waiters, single and double bedsteads, Indian and Persian carpets, Hunk's and Dismar's, lamps, stove, Singapore cane furniture &c. the property of F. G. POTIAUES Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

On THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Castle Park, behind the Town Hall, the valuable and handsome French polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, mahogany square piano by Soundy, child's motor pattern perambulator, table ornaments, lamps, pictures, carpets, etc., the property of LT. J. DICKSON.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

On a date to be fixed hereafter Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Middle Colaba, opposite the Post Officer, the valuable household furniture, piano, etc., the property of E. W. BRYANT Esq

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay 12th March, 1902.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPITALISTS.

The following property belonging to the estate of the late Sir Tharia Topan will be sold by Public Auction on the undermentioned date and hour at the premises by Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTON & Co. under instructions from N. C. Macleod, Esq., Receiver in suits Nos. 255 and 275 of 1893.

LOT 4.

On THURSDAY, the 13th March, 1902, at 4-30 p.m., at the premises,

PROPERTY IN NISHAN PADA ROAD OR NEW BENGALPOORA STREET, BOMBAY.

All that piece or parcel of Fazendari land or ground, together with the messuage tenement, and dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying, and being at Nishan Pada Road, otherwise known as new Bengalpoora Street within the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 502 square yards or thereabouts, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Ward No 2479 and Street Nos. 229 and 243, and bounded now or formerly as follows: that is to say, on or towards the east by a sweeper's passage, on or towards the north by the property of his Highness the Aga Khan, and on or towards the south by the house of Kessoobai, widow of Essaji Pogawaker, and which said hereditaments and premises were formerly in the occupation of the late Sir Tharia Topan or his tenants, and are now in the occupation of the Vendor as the Receiver of his estate or his tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Little & Co., Solicitors to the Receiver, or to the Undersigned.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, Messrs MEHRJEE JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Arthur Crawford Markets, on MONDAY, the 17th March, 1902, at 11 a.m., the right of collecting fair ground and feeding fees from cattle dealers, butchers and all others at the Bombay Municipal Slaughter-houses, Bandora, for 12 months, from 1st April, 1902, to 31st March, 1903, and fees in the Fort Market, Arthur Crawford Beef Market, Arthur Crawford Fish and Mutton Markets, Erskine Road Fish Market, Foras Road Fish Market, Colaba Fish Market, Pedder Road Fish Market, Mazagon and Fergusson Road Fish Market, Parel, from fresh and salt fishsellers, &c., who sit on the floor or other places not numbered, either in line of outside, under the eaves of the markets, and also collecting fees for weighing goods at the scales of the Arthur Crawford Markets, for 12 months, from 1st April 1902, to 31st March 1903.

For particulars and conditions of these sales, respectively, apply at the Municipal Commissioner's Office, Fort, or at the office of the Superintendent of Markets, Arthur Crawford Markets, or to the Undersigned. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the highest or any offer.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 12th March, 1902.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust Messrs. BENNETT & Co., THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m., sell by Public Auction on the premises, the whole of the building materials of houses Nos 873-876, 888, 892—894, at Parel Road, also Nos. 109 57 to 59 at Bellasis Road, and Nos 45-53 at Pirkhan Lane.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Victoria 3rd Cross Lane, Byculla, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood plain and carved, French polished household furniture of the latest design, best plated-ware, rich glass and crockeryware one double-barrelled C. F. B. L. Gun by Reilly, London one sweet-toned harmonium by S Rose & Co one Willcox Gibbs pattern sewing machine, one large size cooking stove, Berkefeld filter, Chinese and Japanese flower vases, table ornaments Hitchcock's and other table lamps, a large assortment of pictures also a collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots consisting of palms, crotons (60 varieties) and very fine hanging baskets of ferns long and other ferns, &c., &c., the property of F. J. CLARK Esq.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 15th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, etc.,

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong vis-a-vis in very good order.
1 second-hand strong rubber tyred office Shigram.
1 second-hand English-built victoria in good order.
1 pair black C. B. horses, 14-2, 7 years, quiet in harness.
1 grey Arab, 14-1 hand, quiet in harness and saddle,

AUCTION SALE OF WASTE.

On SUNDAY, the 16th inst, at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the office of Messrs E. D. Sassoon and Co. Rampart Road, Fort, various descriptions of waste for the year 1902, of Jacob Sassoon Mill, E. D. Sassoon Mill and Alexandra Mill.

Intending buyers should inspect the waste at the respective Mills.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs BENNETT & Co are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Sassoon House, Ridge Road Malabar Hill, the very valuable and handsome teakwood and blackwood plain and carved French polished household furniture of the latest design made to order by Winteridge and Roberts best plated ware rich glass and crockery ware, rich painting and engravings rich Persian and English carpets, Singapore and English cane furniture, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, Hunk's and Dismar's mechanical, table, hall, and hanging lamps, collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots, hanging baskets of ferns, a lot of garden tiles., etc., etc., the property of WALTER LANG Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view five days before the sale,

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 12th March, 1902.

NOTES.

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To be had at the "Bombay Gazette," Bombay.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, MARCH 10.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols..... £94 5-16 = — 3-16
3 per cent. Rentes ..... £101 1-4 = unchanged
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan..... £108 = "
3½ per cent. Govt. Securities... £94 1-2 = "
Bar Silver in London ..... 25 1-16 = + 1-16
Do New York ..... 54 3-8 = + 1-8
Exchange on London at Paris. 25·15 = unchanged.
Do New York ..... 4·87 1-2 = — 1-8
Discount, Bank of England, 3 per cent. = unchanged.
" Short London Bills 2 5-8 " = "
" Indian Bank Bills 2 5-8 " = "

Goat skin sale opened to-day with a moderate demand. Common qualities easier.

Number of Goat skins offered ... 846,000
" Sheep " " ... 1,240,000

Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet Surats quiet. Manchester was quiet. Total sales 7,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export 500 bales. Surats nil. Imports 17,000. Spot 4 25-32.

Arrivals closed steady.

Mar. Apl.	May-June.	Aug.-Sept.	Oct.-Nov.
4·45	4·45	4·42	4·27

In New York—

Receipts at the Port ..... 26,000 bales.
Do. last year ..... 29,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ..... 1,000 "
Do. to Continent ..... 44,000 "
Mid-Uplands ..... 9 1-8—1-16
Futures, month of June ..... 8·77—3
Do. do. Sept. ..... 8·32— 7

Rapeseed Yellow Cawnpore 42. Ap.-May. Sellers. Tone dull.

Rapeseed Brown 38 1-2. Ap.-May. Sellers. Tone dull.

Linseed 54 1-2. April-May. Sellers. Tone quiet.

Arrivals.—D. Baldina, Matia Raithmoor.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 48 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Monday, the 10th March, 1902 :—

Cotton	11,179	Bales.
Wheat	6,436	Cwts.
Linseed	20,729	"
Rapeseed	4,945	"
Gingellyseed	7,651	"
Poppyseed	622	"
Groundnuts	847	"
Castorseed	8,283	"
Rice	1,79,242	"
Myrabolams	10,511	"
Cottonseed	4,476	"

BOMBAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

FREIGHTS.—There has been rather a quieter tone prevailing in ready freights owing to the very moderate amount of cargo offering. Ready Antwerp has been done at 14s. Hamburg measurement at 15s. and Liverppool at 14s. 3d. whilst for March loading 14s. has been paid for Dunkirk. For forward 14s. to 14s. 6d. is quoted open ports

SPECULATORS have taken the s.s. Dunottar for April loading at 14 s. 1one, 14 s. 6 d. two picked port. 6 d. extra Hamburg.

EXCHANGE—Tone quiet.

Bank T. T.		1s 4 1-32d
Bank Demand		1s 4 1-16d
Credit Bills 3 month sight D. A ...		1s 4 7-32d
Do 6 do do		1s 4 11-32d
French Francs 3 do do		170 1-4
Marks 3 do do		138 1-4
Hongkong 30 Days sight.....		132
Shanghai 30 " do		180
Japan 30 " do		149

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash	96-8
1st Settlement	96-4

Money Market. Tone steady.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England	since 6th Feb.	3 per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 13th do...	8 do
Bank of Bengal	do. 12th do...	8 do
Bank of Madras	do. 7th do...	8 do

SEEDS—

Linseed.—Tone steady.

Ready	9 8 to 9 9
Forward, April-May... ...	9 8

Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready ...	6 8 to 6 9
Do. Forward	
April-May...	6 10
Yellow Cawnpore Ready ...	Nominal.
Do. Forward	
April-May...	7 4
Yellow Guzerat, Ready ...	Nominal.
Do. Forward	
April-May...	7 14

Poppyseed.—Tone steady.

Ready	Nominal.
Forward, April-May... ...	8 14

Castorseed—Tone steady.

Ready	29
Forward, April-May ...	31

Groundnuts—Tone firm.

Ready	42

Gingellyseed—Tone steady.

15 per cent. Mixed, Ready... 46 8

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

Growths.	Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Delivery.
Bengals, H.-G. (Ry. terms)	160	154		March
Bengals, M.-G. (Ry. terms)	170	164		do.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.) ...	170	164		do.
Belati (M.-G.)	185	179		do.
Khandeish, (M.-G.)	...	174		do.
Dhamangam Poolgam...	188	182		do.
Akola M.-G..... Khamgaum do.	187	181		do.
Karanja do.				
Oomra good staple	195	189		do.
Broach (M. G.)	208	...	203	do.
Bhownugger (H. G.)	...	...	185	15-25 May
S.-G. Dharwar	...	...	199	do.
Westerns	...	...	187	do.
Cotton. Tone quiet.				

THE YOKOMA SPECIFIC BANK, LD.

The manager of the Yorkohama Specie Bank Ld. here has received a wire from the Head Office announcing that at the forty fourth ordinary General Shareholders meeting held at Yokohama yesterday the Bank declared 13 per cent. dividend and added to reserve fund Yen 200,000, raising it to Yen 8,710,000, and carried forward to the next account Yen 520000.

TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

THE Hired Transport Tagus, (Captain F. W. Powles), will sail for South Africa on or about the 18th instant, with the following drafts :—1st Somerset Light Infantry, 1st South Wales Borderers, 2nd East Lancashire Regiment, 2nd South Stafford Regiment; 1st Do set Regiment; 1st Northampton Regiment; 1st Wiltshire regiment; and the 1st Cameronians. The troops will be brought to Bombay in three special trains from Deolali, on the day of embarkation.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 11TH OF MARCH.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has again decreased rapidly in the north, the fall being brisk to rapid in the Punjab, North-West Provinces and Rajputana, and at Neemuch and Saugor.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh in Kathiawar and Cutch and moderate to light elsewhere.

Both the maximum and minimum temperatures are in very large excess of normal in the Punjab. The maximum temperature varied from 104° at Billary to 81° at Veraval and the minimum from 55° at Cawnpore to 77° at Cochin and Negapatam.

The skies are partially clouded at Lahore, Delhi Karwar and Coimbatore.

Light showers are reported from Cochin.

Pressure is abnormally low in the Punjab, and the continued fall of the barometer indicates the approach of unsettled weather to the north of latitude 25°, where the temperature will probably fall.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA,
Bombay, 10th March 1902,

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah. ..... inches	29·862
Temperature of the Air ..... degrees	80·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	72·4
Dew Point	68·8
Relative humidity of Air	0·878
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10) ...	3·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ..... degrees	87·2
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	74·2
General Directions of wind.*	N. WNW. NW, WNW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours* ..... miles	220

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director Government Observatory.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BUCK—March 7, at Northbank, Simla, the wife of E J Buck, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WATKIN—BARR—March 6, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolaram, by the Rev F R Welchman, Captain H G Watkin, 4th (Queen's Own) Hussars, to Evelyn Constance, only daughter of Lieut-Colonel David Barr.

DEATH.

JESSOP—February 28, at Port Blair, Andaman Islands, Walter Jessop, 3rd Asst. Commissioner, Andaman-Nicobar Commission, son of C H Jessop, Esq, of Carlton Kings, Cheltenham, aged 38 years.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 12 m. Sun sets, 6h. 9m. High water 0-25m., 0-53s. Low water, 6-23m, 6-38s.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p.m.
Bombay Chamber of Commerce, annual meeting, 4 p.m.
Bombay Flour Mill Company, 4 p.m.
Novelty Theatre: The London Gaiety Company.
New East India Press Company, Tamarind Lane, 3 p.m.
Bombay Gymkhana, Western India Lawn-Tennis Challenge cup meeting.

POSTAL NOTICE.—A mail for Egypt and Europe via Marseilles, consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission per French s. s. Salazie, will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to destination at 8 a. m. on Thursday the 13th instant. Letters, &c., for Aden will also be despatched by this steamer.

GORED BY A BUCK.—Bhagoo Dewoo, a Hindoo aged twenty-two, residing in the compound of the Victoria Gardens, where he is employed as a labourer, was on Monday morning feeding some deer in the enclosure, when a spotted buck gored him from behind, inflicting two wounds. The injured man was treated at the J. J. Hospital.

LOST AND RECOVERED.—Mr. P. N. Patel, who resides in Gowalia Tank Road, has reported to the Police that his wife lost a bunch of charms, consisting of two gold rings, a gold locket, and two gold coins valued at Rs. 125, somewhere at Scandal Point, Warden Road, on Sunday last. The property was found by Dr. Macdonald who made over the same to Superintendent Nolan of E. Division.

RUN OVER.—Bhagoobai, a Hindoo woman, aged fifty-five, residing in DeLisle Road, while attempting to cross the road at the junction of Clark and DeLisle Roads on the morning of the 9th instant, was accidentally knocked down by an horse attached to a victoria belonging to Mr. Athalides, manager of the Greaves Cotton Mills, and driven by his coachman Bhania Jeena. One of the wheels of the carriage passed over the woman's legs, fracturing the shin bone of the one and grazing the other. The woman was removed to the J. J. Hospital. No blame is attached to the driver.

MUSIC AT APOLLO BUNDER.—The Band will play the following programme at W. B. Green and Co.'s Apollo Bunder Restaurant this evening from 7 to 9 o'clock :—

March	Frisch Gewagt..... Franz
Overture	Le Lac Des Fees..... Auber
Valse.....	Girls of Vienna ..... C M Zeihrer
Selection	Diana's Jugdruf..... C Arnat
March	Under Freedoms' Flag..F Navawieski
Barn Dance...	Boston Belle..... Godfrey
Selection	The Toreador ..... K Kiefert
Galop	Always Joyful..... J Hecker

DROWNED.—The dead body of a Hindu woman, name unknown, was on Monday last, found floating in a well in the compound of a house off Parel Tank Road. The Police had the body removed from the well. It bore no marks of violence and was in an advanced state of decomposition. The deceased appeared to be a "ghati" of the labouring class aged about twenty-five years. Information was circulated throughout the town, but no one came forward to identify the body. At an inquest held by Mr. P. Byrne, the Coroner, at the Morgue, the jury returned an open verdict.—A Goanese woman, name unknown, aged about twenty years, was drowned in the Chowpati Patel Tank, Khetwady, on Monday night. Battakee has been beaten throughout the town to ascertain her identity.

CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.—About 1-30 a.m., yesterday morning, Mr. Cowasji Pallonji, the proprietor of the Adelphi Hotel, Clare Road, was driving along Grant Road in his mail phaeton, when taking a turn into Glider Street, the phaeton broke in the centre and parted, throwing the occupants, Mr. Cowasji and two other Parsis and the coachman, into the road. The horse bolted with the front portion of the phaeton along Glider Street, slightly injuring four persons who were all lying asleep on the footpath. The horse was secured at the corner of the street by two Mahomedans. The injured persons were: Poonaji Banaji aged 50; Gunpat Manaji, aged 45; Poonibai, a woman, aged 35; and Jaibai, another woman, aged 35. None of the occupants of the carriage were seriously injured.

RAID ON THE PARSEE HEALTH CAMP.—Yesterday morning at 1-30 a. m., a gang of thieves again appeared at the Parsee Health Camp opposite to the Marine Lines Railway Station. One of the thieves having cut down the ropes of the tent of Messrs. Framji and Sons was trying to look into it, when the son of Mr. Framji, who had been lying asleep close to the wall, awakened. Perceiving a man gazing into the tent he took hold of a stick and struck it against the wall against which the thief was leaning. He then raised an alarm. Upon this the whole gang decamped. Fortunately they had not been able to remove any property, though the ropes of several other tents were cut down. This twice attempted raid on the Parsee Health Camp has been the cause of great alarm to the ladies and children. Some of the families left the retreat early in the morning. Police Inspector D'Keeffe of the Dhobi Talao section was informed of the matter.

OLD OFFENDER.—Before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Balkrishna Daji, an old offender, was charged with stealing a metal watch of the value of Rs. 8, the property of one Peerbhoy Gangji, a shop-keeper of Old Nagpada. On the afternoon of the 8th instant, while the complainant was asleep in his shop, the accused entered the place and having picked up the watch, which had been left hanging on a nail, walked away. He was arrested by a neighbouring shopkeeper and made over to the Police. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and admitted five previous convictions. He was sentenced to two years' rogorous imprisonment.—Another noted thief named Khodabux Shaik Mahomed, against whom there was a record of nineteen previous convictions, was sentenced to a term of rigorous imprisonment for nine months for stealing rock salt valued at Rs. 2 from Carnac Bunder.—Two burglars named Pandoo Hari and Nicholas DeSouza were placed before the same Magistrate on charges of breaking into the houses occupied by Parsis in Khetwadi, Tardeo and Mazagon and committing thefts of sundry articles. They were sentenced to ten and eight months' rigorous imprisonment respectively.

DIVINE SERVICE.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH.

6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Address, by Rev. H. McNeile

H. E. LORD NORTHCOTE AND THE FISHERMEN OF MANDVI.

YESTERDAY morning, on the Mayo Road, a large number of fishermen representing the Colony of Koliwada at Mandvi, assembled to await H. E. Lord Northcote's arrival at the Secretariat Gate, their object being to personally hand over a petition having reference to the proposed removal of their present quarters for the improvement of the locality. On seeing the Governor's carriage drive past the University Hall the fishermen approached and requested that it should be stopped for a while to enable them to present the petition and garlands of flower. Two of the head-men of the community presented the petition to his Excellency. They were, subsequently, told to go to the Council Hall where a conference took place between them and Mr. Du Boulay, Private Secretary to the Governor.

The petition set forth that the City Improvement Trust, lately called upon the petitioners to give up their land and houses for the bettering of the Kolivada quarters. The petitioners, bowing to necessity and realizing the duty of sacrifice for the good of the many, signified their willingness to comply with the requisition of the Board. The Chairman of the Board, Mr. S. Rebsch, received a deputation of the petitioners kindly and promised, with real good will and sympathy, to do his best to keep the Koli population within their ancient quarters, after improving their locality, by treating the question of compensation in a liberal spirit. The petitioners on their part pledged their word, as required, to afford to the Trustees every facility in their power to secure that end. To them it is clear that any other than a sympathetic and liberal treatment of the fishermen's case must result in the complete ruin of the Koli population of the district, and the ancient fishing industry of Mandvi. They put full faith in the assurance of the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust; but they were also aware that the final decision in their case must rest with His Excellency's Government. Some years ago, the Koli Bunder of the Dongri (or Mandvi) Kolis was a small triangular piece of land shewn in yellow in the drawing enclosed; but there was a time when this Bunder extended over a much larger area and included carts and batty grounds since merged into regimental lines and other buildings as pressure began to increase upon space in this ever busy and expanding place on the island. This ample space was then the Fishermen's Landing Place or Hard common to all for hauling up, oiling and repairing their Hodis, Balawas, Boats and other fishing crafts; for weaving, mending, dying and drying nets; for making and mending sails, for stacking nets, ropes, anchors, stakes and other fishing gear; for depositing color-tanks, landing fish and for other purposes connected with the fishing industry. Their elders say that the trouble that now threatens them had threatened their forefathers before, some 150 years ago, in the time of the East India Company during the Governorship of the Honorable Thomas Hodges, but that the Kolis had been spared and their ancient quarters not wrested from them. In very recent times a disaster of another kind stared them in the face and their right of fishing in deep water in the harbour was threatened; but they were saved—thanks to the personal interest and kind sympathy manifested by Sir James Fergusson, then Governor of Bombay.

The petitioners were informed at the conclusion of the interview that their prayers would be given consideration at the proper time.

MAGISTRATE'S DECISION UPHELD.

MR. P. N. GODINHO, pleader for Rama Baboo, applied to the Hon. Mr. Justice Candy and the Hon. Mr. Justice Fulton at the High Court on Thursday, for revision of an order passed by Mr. Kursondas Chabildas, third Presidency Magistrate, on the 12th December 1901, dismissing the application of Rama Baboo against Soma Govind, who was charged with the offences of bringing a false charge, abetment of wrongful confinement, and defamation, Mr. H. C. Coyajee appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Kursondas Chabildas, in his report on the matter of the application, said as he was not satisfied with the truth of the complaint he referred it to the acting Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court, both the parties serving in that court as peons. The acting Chief Judge replied that the defendant was not actuated by any ill-feeling when he informed the police about applicant offering a gold-embroidered cap for sale to a hawker within the precincts of the court. If defendant caused to be instituted any criminal proceeding against the applicant, he did not do so with intent to injure. The information of the applicant did not disclose that defendant made any specific complaint to the police; it did not show that defendant charged applicant with having committed any particular offence. He merely reported to the policeman on duty that applicant was selling stolen property. Thus the charge under section 211 fell to the ground. With regard to the charge of wrongful confinement, the report of the acting Chief Judge showed that the applicant was taken to the Registrar's bungalow by the police, and that even for that taking, the defendant was not responsible. Mr. Kursondas failed to see any wrongful confinement in a servant being taken to his superior officer in connection with an enquiry about a matter, in which the superior officer had every right to hold a departmental inquiry. With regard to the charge of defamation, the report clearly showed that defendant was protected by the eighth exception to section 500 of the Penal Code, Mr. Kursondas therefore dismissed the applicant's application.

Mr. Godinho had, on the 8th November last, applied to the High Court to transfer the case to another Magistrate; but the High Court refused the application and directed Mr. Kursondas to dispose of the case. He issued a notice to Soma Govind to show cause why a summons should not be issued against him. After hearing arguments, Mr. Kursondas discharged the notice under section 230; and Mr. Godinho again appealed against this order.

Their lordships, on a consideration of all the circumstances, dismissed the application for revision.

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY ELECTION.

MEETINGS of various faculties of the Bombay University were held last evening in the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall of the University when the following elections of Deansand Syndics were made :—

Dean in Arts.—The Hon. Mr. Giles.

Syndics in Arts.—Principal Macmillan, Mr. Chimanlal B. Setalvad, Rev. Father F. Dreckmann and Mr. K. D. Naigaumwalla.

Dean in Law.—The Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta.

Syndics in Law.—The Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and Rao Bahadur V. J. Kirtiker.

Dean in Medicine.—Colonel Dimmock.

Syndics in Medicine.—Major Herbert and Dr. K. E. Dadachanji.

Dean in Engineering.—The Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes.

Syndics in Engineering.—Khan Bahadur M. C. Murzban and Mr. N. A. F. Moos.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. F. NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Camp, Santa Cruz, 12th March, 1902.

1. Detail—Captain of the week—Captain E A Kenyon. Subaltern of the day to-day (Wednesday)—Lieut G A Phillips, next for duty Lieut S E Greaves.

Battalion Orderly Sergt to-day, (Wednesday)—Sergt H A Sharp.

Battalion Orderly Corporal to-day (Wednesday)—Corpl J Leao.

2. Train Service—The Railway authorities having notified that they are unable to reserve accommodation for the Corps by the Train leaving Santa Cruz at 5-27 a.m., (Bombay time), Members of the Corps must not travel by this train. Reserved accommodation has been arranged for the 9-38 a.m. (Bombay time) which reaches Grant Road at 10 a.m. and Church Gate at 10-12. The accommodation reserved for the Corps will be found in rear of the Up trains and in front of Down trains.

3. Parade.—There will be a Commandant's Parade at Santa Cruz, on Saturday next, the 15th instant, at 6 p.m.

Dress—Drill order, Khaki, Putties, Leather Chin Straps and Helmet Buttons to be worn.

Trains leave Church Gate Station at 3-5 and 5-5 p.m. (Bombay time) and return from Santa Cruz at 8-25, 8-55 and 9-50 p.m. (Bombay time). The Railway authorities have reserved accommodation on the 3-5 and 5-5 p.m. Down, and 8-50 p.m. Up trains, and Volunteers are requested to travel by these trains only if possible.

Dinner will be provided at the Camp about 7-30 p.m. (Bombay Time) for Members of A, B, C, D, E, F and G Companies who attend the parade, provided that they notify their intention to stop to dinner to the Officer Commanding their Company, not later than Wednesday the 12th instant.

Officers Commanding those Companies will be good enough to send to Camp before 6 p.m. on Thursday, the 13th instant, a note of the number of their men remaining in Camp for Dinner on Saturday the 15th instant.

4. Head-Quarters—It is notified for information that the Head-Quarters Office, Carnac Road, is temporarily closed and is now open at Camp Santa Cruz where all communication should be addressed up to the 29th March.

5. Leave of absence has been granted to the undermentioned Volunteers as follows :—No. 4488 Vol C J Alfrey, D Coy and No. 4956 Vol A J Ramm, F Coy, from 11th to 31st March 1902.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

IT is said that use is now being made of the sea at Dover "to intensify wireless messages between ship and shore."

A Bro bush fire was caused at Casterton, Victoria by a sheep treading on a box of matches and thus igniting some dry grass.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

ANNUAL REGATTA.

THE Bombay Yacht Club's annual regatta concluded last evening. For the last day rowing matches had been arranged. There were nine items on the programme, but the race for Tonics did not take place. All the races were well started and keenly contested. In the race for Jolly Boats seven boats competed, the first won by Bhawani, Ganga and Hindustan being second and third respectively. The event for 4 and 6 oared-boats was won by H. M. S. Highflyer's gig, 27 feet H. M. S, Magdala's 2nd cutter 25 feet carried off the prize, for man-of-war's boats eight oared and over. The officers Pulling Race was well contested and the Highflyer's gig 30 feet secured the cup. In the sculling race for Yachts dinghies, Forella's dinghy came in first. The following are the results :—

Race for Jolly Boat.—No limit to Crew, Entrance Free, 1st prize, Rs 10 : 2nd prize, Rs 5, and 3rd prize, Rs 3. Course —From Commitee Vessel round middle-ground buoy, leaving it to Starboard and back across finishing line, Distance 1-28 miles.

Bhawani	.....	1
Ganga	.....	2
Hindustan	.....	3

Race for 8 cared and over Man-o'-War and Bona-fide Ship's Boats.—Native Crews. Entrance Fee, Rs 3. 1st prize, Rs 30, and 2nd prize, Rs 15. Course—From Committee Vessel round Flag-ship buoy, thence round South Troopship buoy, leaving both to Starboard and back across finishing line. Distance 1.23 miles.

Names of Boats.	Time Allowances	Time of Arrival.	Corrected Time.
	M S	H M S	H M S
Magda'a's Cutter 25'	0 15	4 56 44	0 24 29
Abyssinia's Cutter 25'	Scr	4 57 13	0 24 13
Tenasserim's Cutter 25'	0 15	4 57 10	0 26 55

Race for Torpedo Boats Punts—Two men and no rudder allowed. Only Punts service oars to be used. Native Crew. Entrance Fee 1st prize Rs 5 and 2nd prize Rs 2. Course—From Committee Vessel round Mark-boat, leaving it to Starboard and back across finishing line.

Five Boats competed No 102 come in first, and Nos 105 and 108 came in second and third respectively.

Race for 4 to 6 cared Mango Wae find bona fide Ships' Boats—European Crews. Entrance Fee, Rs 5 1st prize, Rs 30, 2nd prize, Rs 15. Start at 5 p.m. Course No 12, distance 1-9 miles.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 12th March, 1902.

1. The Proficiency Class will meet at the Nesbit Road Head-Quarters to-morrow (Thursday) at 9 p.m.
2. There will be Class Firing at Cooria to-day (Wednesday) to-morrow (Thursday) and Friday. Trains leave Victoria Terminus at 5-30 and 6 a.m. (Local time) and Byculla 12 minutes later in each case.
3. There will be Class Firing at Cooria on Saturday afternoon the 15th instant. Trains leave Victoria Terminus at 3-30 and 4 p.m. (Local time) and Byculla 12 minutes later in each case.

Members, who have not fired their Class, are requested to do so, on one of the above dates.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Captain, R. A., Adjutant, B. V. A.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** All communications intended for publication on our columns should be addressed to THE EDITOR and not to any individual member of the staff.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1902.

THE REVERSE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE news from South Africa is disquieting. The other day the special correspondent of the "Standard," writing from Pretoria, told us that the Orange River Colony was the chief point of the Boer resistance, and that there were in this part of the theatre of war some three thousand armed Boers, Transvaalers and Free State men, the most daring of their forces. These are the men, doubtless, who pursued Lord Methuen's column, last Friday, as they were on the way to Lichtenburg, a long march northwards across the Vaal. Presumably, the intention was that Lord Methuen, with his twelve hundred men and General Grenfell with thirteen hundred, should undertake another drive in the hope of sweeping out of action a similarly large batch of the enemy as was secured three weeks ago on the Liebenberg Vlei, when De Wet so narrowly escaped. Had they been able to accomplish this, the demoralisation of the main body of the enemy would have been complete. But it is vain to hope for an unbroken record of success in war. The Boers are certain to score now and again, notwithstanding their diminished numbers. On this occasion they have secured an important victory. The information which reaches us is disjointed, and not very clear, but it seems that the column was marching in the customary order, ox-waggons in front, a mule train in the rear, with the usual advance guard and rear guard of troops, when the enemy effected a rear attack, overwhelming the rear guard before it could be reinforced from the main column which consisted principally of mounted men. Flank parties temporarily checked the advance of the Boers who had advanced on both sides of the column, and would doubtless have succeeded in driving them off, if not of capturing them, but for a panic in the mule-train in the rear. The animals stampeded, rushed past the oxen, throwing the whole column into confusion, and thus giving the Boers the victory. From the fact that Major Paris and the forty men he collected, and with whom he held a position for some time, until compelled to surrender,—is reported to have arrived at Kraai Pan siding,—below Mafeking, it would appear that the two hundred who were captured, were at once disarmed and liberated. The five hundred mounted men who reached Maribogo apparently fled for their lives, leaving their general, their baggage and guns behind them, for we read that they were pursued by the Boers, who were in very strong force, for a distance of four miles. Forty-one lives were lost and seventy-five of our men wounded, two hundred taken prisoners, so there were still over a thousand available men when Major Paris and his gallant forty attempted to make a stand.

The contemplation of a thousand flying from practically only an equal number of Boers is not pleasant, particularly when we remember that it is extremely unlikely the men in the column of a senior general officer were raw recruits or newly imported men undergoing a baptism of fire. After the disaster to De Wet we were boasting of the Boer leader's loss of prestige, and when last week Colonel Rimington made his enormous haul of Boer ammunition and supplies, we were ready to join in the cry that the war was closing. But the effects of those two incidents have been obliterated. The enemy has taken a new lease of life, and it is probable that the immediate result of the disaster will be a large acquisition of strength to the enemy from Burghers who still wavered. They have four guns, a pom-pom and the baggage of a whole column, besides another detail in the shape of a prominent general officer. Delarey has accomplished a greater feat than he did a week earlier at Klerksdorp. He got a convoy, a batch of prisoners and Colonel Anderson, their commanding officer, last week by similar tactics. He liberated the whole of the prisoners without delay, but kept Colonel Anderson for a couple of days. The time was not long, but it was full of anxiety as to what they proposed doing with him. We have similar anxiety to-day as to what the fate of Lord Methuen will be. General Pretorius was wounded and a prisoner when Lord Roberts took over command in South Africa, and his first act was to liberate him. As Lord Methuen is wounded, they may prefer to set him at liberty too, by way of returning the compliment. If the Boers do this, they will gain much in the estimation of their continental friends. If they hold him to ransom or bargain with him for Kritzinger, who can blame them? They cannot afford to carry a sick general about in their rapid movements from place to place. The moral effect of the smashing up of two columns within a week in the same district, and the capture of a general officer will be incalculable. Delarey has prevented the junction of two columns, which doubtless contemplated crushing him, in retaliation for his operations at Klerksdrop. He has guns, a pom-pom, stores and ammunition enough to necessitate the despatch of an expedition in force to dislodge him from any position he may choose to take up in the hills. The end of the war, at all events, is further off than it appeared a month ago.

THE POLICE IN THE PRESIDENCY. The report on the Police Administration of the Presidency during 1900, which was published and noticed in the press some months ago, is reviewed in a resolution of Government just issued. The resolution was written about the middle of November last, and though by no means a lengthy review, has taken four months to pass through the Government Press. It deals with the state of things prevailing two years ago, when the work of the police was largely increased by the conditions of severe famine, which drove the people in many districts to crime. In the number of cognizable cases reported to the police there was an increase of over ten thousand, which were mainly offences against property. Dacoities became unusually frequent, the number of such attacks on persons and property rising to 1,488, while ordinary house breaking and thefts also largely increased. The frequency of dacoities throughout the presidency has, indeed, arrested the attention of Government, and in this resolution it is observed that every police superintendent is expected to do his utmost whereby the people can be encouraged and supported in concerted action against dacoits. Government, it is added, favoured the proposal to supply fire arms to selected village head men in certain districts, while attention is also being given to the better arming of the police. In the Khandesh district dacoities recently increased to an alarming extent, and a large number of additional police was drafted into the district. The Hon. Mr. H. S. Dikshit was informed at the last meeting of the Legislative Council that orders had been passed for the distribution of sixty breechloading snider carbines to selected police patels in Khandesh, and that this measure might be extended. Government have also under consideration the question of revising the strength of the police establishments including the armed branches. On this point the official review of the police report written before this information was given, indicates that the reduction in the strength of the mounted force made in 1894 was carried too far, and in the interests of law and order it is satisfactory that the matter is now engaging attention. There was a notable rise in the percentage of convictions secured by the police in 1900, and having regard to the amount of exceptional work imposed upon the members of the force in consequence of the famine, Government expresses satisfaction with the high average of zeal and energy displayed by the police. There are, however, a few points on which the remarks of the authorities are scarcely complimentary. There is a large amount of serious crime, more especially murders and dacoities, whose perpetrators go undetected, and a reference to this matter is accompanied by an expression of regret that so many offenders go unpunished. The notorious Giri temple cases in which the victims were lured to destruction by a gang of poisoners whose operations were most skilfully devised, furnish a theme for remarks concerning the indifference of the police to many cases of mysterious disappearance. It is also observed that there seems to be too often a lack of inquiry regarding the doings of habitual extortioners and thieves, whose misdeeds are the subject of common gossip. It is, of course, too much to expect the police to give heed to every piece of idle "gup" in a land where false charges and malicious prosecutions are a common experience, but that there are serious deficiencies of police surveillance in the direction indicated, is only too apparent.

PRIMARY EDUCATION IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. GERMANY is admittedly in the front, so far as technical and secondary education are concerned, and it is pleasant therefore to find that she has, at any rate, very little advantage in regard to primary education. Mr. R. E. Hughes has recently made some very interesting comparisons between schools and primary education generally in England, in Germany and in America. Among his discoveries we come across the fact that in America there is one school to every three hundred of the population, in France there is one to every 450, in Germany there is one to every 874, and in England, which comes last on the scale, there is one to every 1,550 inhabitants. At first sight these figures seem to be strongly suggestive that England is behind her continental neighbours in the matter of school accommodation, but it has to be remembered that English board schools are large institutions—not a one room building such as are often seen in the States. In Prussia, with a population of 32 millions, we find that there are 79,959 teachers, and in England with a population of 31 millions there are 62,085 certificated teachers. Probably if teachers of all kinds were taken into account, the total number of persons, who have embraced the scholastic profession in England would exceed the number in Germany. It cannot therefore be said that Germany has any very strong lead over England in the matter of her school accommodation or the number of her teachers. One thing, Mr. Hughes points out, is very carefully watched in Germany—regularity and punctuality of attendance. Absentees never exceed five per cent., and are very often much nearer only two per cent. of the total number of children on the rolls. In England this is very different, and 80 per cent. is considered a very good average attendance. In London alone, Mr. Hughes tell us, there are daily 100,000 children absent from the schools. But in England, better salaries are paid to the teachers than in any other country in the world, perhaps, and this is no doubt conducive to greater efficiency. The salary of the average American male teacher is £109 per annum, of the average English male teacher £125 per annum, and of the average German male teacher only £77 per annum. So that if the Germans are sticklers in the matter of education, they pay considerably less money than is paid for it either in America or in England. And it is to be feared too, that German educationists do not work with the same pureness of motive that attends the efforts of educationists in other lands. Herr von Halldorf may be taken as an example of a section of German statesmen at the present time. He is reported by Mr. Hughes to have said "I am not for teaching arithmetic to the agricultural labourer. It will only spoil him. He has got to lead horses and handle the plough, not figures." Perhaps it is this way of looking at things which has produced so many technical experts in Germany, and such an industrial revival of late. Learning in a groove will always produce specialists—of a kind—but what sort of men will it bring forth? Does this niggardly policy conduce to the general happiness of the men, and is it likely to do so? It is to be feared not, and if that be the line in which German education is conducted, England need not be envious of the momentary superiority of her commercial rivals in matters requiring technical study. Finally Mr. Hughes is emphatic in his assertion that England is ahead of all other nations as regards school games, and those who remember Mr. Kipling's sorrowful outburst a few weeks ago will be pleased to learn that Mr. Hughes thinks, as others have thought before him, "that our national success is, ... largely due to those habits of restraint, co-operation, and resource which no academic training can ever engender so well as the school play ground."

THE INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPHS. ACCORDING to the administration report of the Indo-European Telegraphs Department the total revenue of the department during the past year was Rs. 17,52,375, the total revenue from messages amounting to Rs. 17,19,559. This, as compared with an income of Rs. 15,38,111 in 1899-1900 exhibits, a net increase on the year of Rs. 2,14,264. On the other hand the expenditure of the department amounted to Rs. 8,43,657 against Rs. 8,43,502 in the previous year, showing a net increase of Rs. 155. The principal items going to make up this total were of course those having relation to expenditure on the Persian Gulf Section. In that section general charges amounted to Rs. 1,14,312, a decrease of Rs 29,304 in the figures of the previous year; Rs. 49,912 was paid for line maintenance; signalling involved an expenditure of Rs. 1,81,346, a decrease of Rs. 12,761, and cable maintenance charges amounted to Rs. 2,51,319, an increase of Rs. 20,095. In the Persian Section the various charges amounted to Rs. 2,38,888, as against Rs. 2,42,036 the previous year. On a total capital expenditure of Rs. 1,15,75,201, continues the report, a net profit of Rs. 9,08,718 was earned, so that the dividend payable is at the rate of 7·85 per cent. This is the highest rate paid during the last few years.

H. E. LADY NORTHCOTE has sent Rs. 150 to the Presidency Famine Fund as a donation from Mrs. Rose.

IT is understood that as a result of the Bombay Fancy Fete, the Lady Dufferin Fund will benefit to the extent of about a lakh of rupees.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. Mazagon (extra) left Colombo on Sunday afternoon and is due to arrive in Bombay at 6 a. m. to-morrow.

Mr. W. D. SHEPPARD begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the Lady Northcote Fancy Fete (Shannon River branch):—Mr. Gulam Hussein Allana, Rs. 50.

THE Bombay Presidency Mahomedan Educational Conference will meet on the 13th, 14th and 15th instant, at the pandal erected at Chowpatty. The president-elect, namely, the Chief of Mangrol, and several distinguished delegates arrived yesterday.

BALANCES held in cash at the Civil Treasuries of the Government of India and at credit of the Government in the Presidency Banks and their Branches on the last day of February were:—1900, Rs. 11,08,42,000, 1901, Rs. 13,23,97,000, 1902 Rs. 13,52,85,000.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad, Prantej Railway for the week ending 25th January amounted to Rs. 3,836, an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 753. The total earnings from 1st Jan. to 25th Jan., shows Rs. 12,883, an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 374.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 25th January, amounted to Rs. 23,821, an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 8,972. The total earnings from 1st January to 25th Jan. shows Rs. 93,419, an increase on the corresponding period of last year, of Rs. 44,677.

YESTERDAY afternoon H. E. Lord Northcote presided at the prize distribution held in connection with the Goculdas Tejpal Charities Schools for Boys in Bombay at the G.T. Boarding School Buildings. He spoke of the progress which had been made in Indian Education and assured his audience that the Government would assist in making that progress still more rapid in the future.

THE balloting at the Bombay Chamber of Commerce yesterday, for three Elective Trustees of the Port of Bombay, resulted on the election of the Hon'ble Mr. William Greaves (of Messrs. Ewart Latham & Co.) and Mr. J. M. Dick (of Messrs. W. and A. Graham & Co.). The voting for an Elective Trustee in place of Mr. F. W. Bickel resulted in an equal number of votes for two candidates, and a fresh ballot will be held in respect of that vacancy.

CAPTAIN F. J. FRASER, 33rd P. I., whose writings have contributed so much for many years back to the gaiety of the burlesque stage in India, intimates that his plays are no longer on sale or available for public representation. Captain Fraser, we believe, has had a musical comedy accepted by Mr. George Edwardes for production at a West End London theatre, and has other work on the anvil for the professional stage, and this no doubt explains his desire to turn his back on his earlier efforts. Anglo-India can scarcely help regretting the decision on the part of one who has done so much to assist the amateur stage as the author of Colonel Othello C. B., Blue Beard Retrimmed, the Merry Merchant of Venice, the little Tin Goods, Dick Whittington, Aladdin, Robinson Crusoe, Lodgers and lover, The Unknown Admirer, and, perhaps best known of all, The Station Cat; but the many who have laughed with him in India will wish him equal success on the professional stage in London.

THE nebaptism of the N.-W. P. and Oudh with a title which should omit all reference to Oudh was, of course, liable, as we "Pioneer" pointed out in discussing the subject last November, to the objection that it merged two Provinces which still retain each its distinctive individuality, and there were also difficulties from the legal and administrative points of view. These drawbacks have finally decided the matter, and the Secretary of State has definitely approved the adoption of the name "The United Provinces of Agra and Oudh." The official notification in which this decision is conveyed to the public, observes that the "substitution of Agra for the former title of North-Western Provinces is a revival of the plan by which it was proposed in the Charter Act of 1833 to create the Presidency of Agra, but which was dropped in 1835, when a Lieutenant-Governship was created in the North-Western Provinces. The inclusion of the title of Oudh is both a compliment to that historical province, and is required for certain legal and administrative purposes." The new title is unfortunately clumsy even if abbreviated into "U. P. A. and O." but no doubt, as the official notification puts it, "in popular usage the title United Provinces, which is already passing into general acceptance, will be the term employed."

AMERICANS AND SHAKESPEARE.

DISTINGUISHED ELOCUTIONISTS IN BOMBAY.

In these days of globe-trotters, the advent in any city of individuals making a tour of the world is an event of no special significance, but the arrival in Bombay of two American artists who have achieved fame in their own country as Shakespearian interpreters who give many of the plays of Shakespeare from the platform in their entirety and wholly from memory, is an event worthy of special mention, such artists are Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal A. Williams of New York who are comfortably ensconsed at the Great Western Hotel, having recently arrived from Colombo; and Bombay being the first city visited on this their first trip to India, they are, as Mr. Williams says, "revelling in the attractions of this beautiful Island city." Our readers are likely to be more interested in Mr. and Mrs. Williams' unique professional careers than in their impressions of Bombay, though they have found much during the past week to enjoy and admire, and of which they speak enthusiastically. Previous to 1882 Mr. Williams filled the chair of Elocution in the Albany Academy of New York, but for the past twenty years he has held a foremost position in the United States as a student and interpreter of the plays of Shakespeare. Mr. Williams informs us that the American people are especially fond of Shakespeare, and that for years past, in the cities and large towns, literary circles and Shakespearian clubs have been organised for the special study of the works of the great dramatist.

In fact the subject of English literature as a whole receives much greater attention in America to-day than formerly, more time being set apart for it in the preparatory schools at present than was allotted to that subject in the University course thirty years ago.

The study of English literature, and Shakespeare in particular, forms a part of the course in every special school of elocution in the United States. These schools are numerous and prosperous, for the subject of elocution is one which has of late, for various reasons, been growing in popular favour.

Mr. Williams points out that in the general subject of elocution which includes the art of reading, speaking, oratory and debate, a spirit of healthy rivalry exists in the University student body which has been brought about by means of University Oratorical and Debating Leagues, and the Interstate Collegiate Oratorical Leagues. In one of the Interstate Leagues, for example, is included all the colleges of a state. After a local competition a single student is selected by disinterested judges to represent the college in the annual inter-state oratorial contest to which every student taking the subject of elocution is eligible. These contests are held in various cities in different years.

On these occasions college enthusiasm runs high, and the struggle for individual honour and college supremacy serves to advance the standard of oratory among students. The debates between representatives of the California State and Leland Stanford Universities on the Pacific Coast, and between Harvard and Yale Universities in New England, are among the greatest of the annual university events. In the United States the enthusiasm aroused by these competitions for literary supremacy are on a par with the university field and aquatic contests. Mr. Williams is thoroughly acquainted with the history, growth and sphere of usefulness of the National Association of Elocutionists, he having been its organizer eleven years ago, its first Vice-President and member of its controlling board from the first. The membership roll includes more than 2,000 names of professors and teachers of Elocution banded together for mutual improvement, and their deliberations covering a period of five days each year has been a power in advancing and harmonising methods of instruction, and fostering a spirit of good fellowship among its members.

Mrs. Williams, formerly Miss Jean Stuart Brown, and daughter of the late eminent Scotch Presbyterian divine, Rev. Dr. Hugh Brown, of New York, began her career as an interpreter of classic literature during the seven years in which she was a member of the teaching staff of the Adelphi College of New York. From her first appearances before the literary and Shakespeare clubs of New York, her services were in demand, and during seven consecutive years she gave at her own home private series of recitals during lent and under her maiden name she gave more than 100 recitals in the city of New York alone. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Williams have made two trans-continental tours in the United States, and besides having given many recitals in all the chief literary centres of America, have visited the cities of Canada and British Columbia.

On the present tour, which has already covered a period of more than two years, Mr. and Mrs. Williams have visited the Hawaiian Islands where after a successful series of recitals, Mrs. Williams was invited to give Browning's "A. Blot on the 'Scutcheon" at the house of the Honorable the Chief Justice and Mrs. Frear. In New Zealand more than fifty recitals were given, the first at Bishopscourt in Auckland by the invitation of the Primate and Mrs. Cowie, and the last in the capital city of Wellington under the patronage of the Countess of Ranfurly. After spending several months in Tasmania and Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Williams gave sixty-two performances in New South Wales, of which twenty-one were in the city of Sydney. The sixteenth and last recital in the capital city of Queensland was given at Government House by Mrs. Williams by invitation of the Acting Governor, the Honorable the Chief Justice Sir Samuel and Lady Griffith.

The recitals in the capital cities of South Australia, Western Australia and Ceylon were under the most distinguished patronage of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Tennyson; the Rt. Hon Sir Arthur and Lady Lawley, and the Rt. Hon. Sir J. West and Lady Ridgeway, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Williams found the people of the Australian states so hospitable and appreciative of their efforts that their stay in the Commonwealth was prolonged from eight to eighteen months.

It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Williams will give a short series of recitals in Bombay during their sojourn in the City.

THE GOVERNOR OF DIU.

MR. HERCULANO MOURA, the Governor of the Portuguese possession of Diu, left for Lisbon last Saturday with his wife and children. This small district, which was the scene of famine and pestilence when he first took charge of the place, owes many of its present improvements to him. Among the changes he introduced were the establishment of State Lotteries for the benefit of the poor, the erection of light-houses in the harbour, and the establishments of medical aid for the famine and plague stricken people. The most notable event during his administration was the visit of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Curzon to the ancient and historical Fort of Diu. They were guests at the Government House and were much pleased with the reception accorded to them. Mr. Herculano Moura is an able officer of the Portuguese Royal Navy, and in recognition of his services to the nation the Minister of Marine, in view of employing him in the higher grade of the service, has by wire ordered his return to Portugal. The inhabitants of Diu held a public demonstration in his honour before he left for Portugal.

A SHOCKING bicycle accident occurred at Bedford, when a lady named Boyd, who by profession was a nurse, was killed at the junction of two streets. She rode straight into a horse attached to a butcher's cart. The driver pulled his horse up suddenly, but it reared up, and in its descent dropped its feet upon the head of the lady. She received prompt medical attention, but died the same night, never having regained consciousness.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

METHUEN CAPTURED.

DELAREY'S GRAND COUP.

SERIOUS BRITISH REVERSE.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

STAMPEDE OF ANIMALS.

HEAVY LOSSES IN MEN AND GUNS.

METHUEN'S PAST SERVICE

EULOGISED IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, MARCH 10.

Lord Methuen, who is wounded, two hundred officers and men, besides four guns, a pom-pom and all their baggage were captured by General Delarey on the 7th inst.

Lord Kitchener, in a telegraphic despatch, dated the 8th inst., states that Lord Methuen with 900 Mounted men and 300 Infantry was proceeding from Wynberg to Lichtenburg, intending to meet General Grenfell with 1,300 Mounted men on the 8th, and that 550 Mounted men, who were pursued for four miles by the enemy, have arrived on the line between Maribogo and Kraaipen.

They report that Lord Methuen, with guns and baggage, has been captured by the Boers.

Another despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated the 9th instant, states that Major Paris and the remainder of the men have arrived at Kraaipen.

The despatch further reports that Lord Methuen's column, with the mule waggons in the rear and ox waggons in the front, was attacked by the enemy at dawn.

The rear screen of the column broke before it was possible to reinforce it.

In the meantime, the flank parties temporarily checked the large number of Boers on both flanks of the column, but a panic and a stampede of mules then began.

The mule waggons, with a terrible mixture of Mounted men, rushed past the ox waggons.

All efforts to check the stampede were unavailing and, after a gallant defence, the enemy rushed the ox waggons, wounding Lord Methuen in the thigh.

The British casualties were three officers and 38 men killed, five officers and 72 men wounded and 200 men missing, but many of the latter are probably among the arrivals on the line between Maribogo and Kraaipen.

Lieutenants Nesham and Venning were killed while gallantly serving the guns with case shot.

Major Paris collected forty men and took up a position a mile away, where he was surrounded, and subsequently surrendered at 10 in the morning.

Lord Kitchener adds that Lord Methuen is still a prisoner in the Boer Camp.

MARCH 11.

A despatch from Lord Kitchener states that the Northumberland and North Lancashires behaved with great gallantry during the attack on Lord Methuen's column by the Boers.

Delarey's men were almost all dressed in British uniforms and numbered 1,500.

Lord Methuen is being well cared for and is in his own waggon.

Lord Kitchener hopes that the reinforcements which are now arriving will rectify the situation without disturbing the operations elsewhere of the columns.

IRISH REJOICING OVER METHUEN'S REVERSE.

There is an intense feeling against the Irish members of the Commons, who last night received the reading of Lord Kitchener's despatches regarding Lord Methuen's reverse with derisive laughter and an outburst of cheering.

It is believed that this is likely to drive the wavering Liberals into the Rosebery ite Camp.

LONDON, MARCH 10, MIDNIGHT.

Lords, Roberts and Salisbury in the House of Lords and Mr. Brodrick in the Commons, made eulogistic references to Lord Methuen's past services.

THE WEEK'S BOER LOSSES.

During the week eight Boers were killed and wounded and 124 made prisoners or surrendered.

THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

The Lord Mayor has opened the Colonial Exhibition at the Royal Exchange.

North Borneo is conspicuously represented.

THE SOMALI PROTECTORATE.

Colonel Swayne has been appointed Commissioner of the Somali Protectorate.

MR. RHODES' CONDITION.

LONDON, MAR. 11.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes is slightly better, but still gives cause for anxiety

CHINESE REGIMENT.

Lord Stanley, Financial Secretary for War, replying to a question in the Commons, said the Chinese Regiment will be kept at Wei-hai-wei and he still hoped to keep it in the same state of efficiency as the Indian Regiments.

WEI-HAI-WEI AS A STATION.

Mr. Pretyman, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, in reply to a question in the Commons, stated that it was proposed to maintain the Hospital and Coaling Station at Wei-hai-wei, the climate of which was most favourable on the Chinese Station.

THE STORE OF RIFLES.

Lord Stanley said the Government was considering a modification in the present rifle, and it would therefore be imprudent to accumulate large stores.

STATEMENT BY LORD ROSEBERY.

Lord Rosebery, speaking at Glasgow, disavowed aiming at the Liberal leadership.

After Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's Leicester speech, his Lordship said he had either to disown Bannerman's leadership or disown his own policy, and he unhesitatingly chose the former.

RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.

Russia, yielding to the persistence of China undertakes to withdraw from Manchuria within eighteen months of the signature of the proposed Convention.

PLAGUE OFFICER MURDERED.

ATTACKED WITH HATCHETS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MARCH 11.

Major Evans, District Plague Officer, stationed at Mirzapore, was attacked by villagers with hatchets and lathis, and very seriously wounded.

He succumbed to his injuries yesterday.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET STATEMENT.

CALCUTTA, MAR. 11.

The meeting of the Viceroy's Council fixed for the 14th is postponed to 19th, when the Budget Statement will be presented.

MAHSUD BLOCKADE WITHDRAWN.

DISPUTE AMONGST JIRGA.

The Mahsud blockade was withdrawn yesterday as orders have been issued for the return of the reserve brigade, and the remainder of the troops will presumably march back at leisure.

There was a big dispute amongst the members of the jirga assembled at Jandola, who own that the question of the selection of the chiefs to be handed over as security, for the return of the stolen cattle, and the surrender of outlaws from British Territory, who have found shelter in the Mahsud country, and the matter was not settled without a fight, in which one Shahikhel elder was shot dead, but the selection was eventually made; seventy-two leading men being sent in, and accepted by Mr. Merk for detention.

The Mahsud question is therefore settled at last for the present.

R. A. M. C. POSTINGS.

Lieut-Colonel Wolseley has been appointed to officiate as P. M. O. Bombay, vice Colonel Supple, appointed P. M. O. Meerut District; Colonel N. B. Mayor getting the permanent post of P. M. O. Bombay.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Lieut-Colonel Reilly resides outside India on vacating command of the 28th Bombay Pioneers.

The transport Armenian is due at Bombay on the 23rd instant from South Africa with drafts for the 1st Bedfords, 2nd Welsh Regiment, 2nd York and Lancasters, 2nd Royal Irish, 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Middlesex Regiment, 1st Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Royal Sussex, 1st Lincolns and 1st Shropshires. Major Fowle, Captains Span and Colston, Lieuts. Hasham, Wigham, Cochrane, Coithurst, Finee and Wilson accompanying, also Captain Seville, 2nd Durham Light Infantry, Captains Jackson and Gratan, R. A. M. C. and 150 prisoners of war.

The Simur Sappers having finished their work on the Kushalgarh-Kohat Railway, returned to their station at once.

Nos. 5 and 6 Companies, Bengal Sappers, Nos. 1 and 5 Companies Madras Sappers and the 28th Bombay Pioneers are likely to finish their work early in April, when they will return to their cantonments.

BOMBAY, ARRIVALS, MARCH 10.—Washington Capt., Beng. R. F. A., from leave, from England.

Benwell, Capt., Bombay, 5th Bombay Cavalry, on duty, from Jacobabad.

Powell, Lieut.-Colonel, Punjab Goorkha Rifles, from furlough, from England.

DEPARTURES, MARCH 10.—Harrison, Lieut., Punjab, Som., L. I. on duty, to Rawalpindi.

Home, Major, Punjab, 1st Bedfordshire Regiment, from leave, to Mooltan.

Colomb, Major, Punjab, 42nd Goorkha Rifles, from leave, to Abbottabad.

Long, Lieut., Punjab, R. A. M. C., on duty, to Rawalpindi.

Saunders, Colonel, R. H. Qrs., R. A., on leave, to England.

Elliott, Major, Punjab, I. M. S., on leave, to England.

Rynes, Lieut., Punjab, S. & T., Corps, on furlough, to England.

Stuart, Captain, Bombay, 25th Bombay Rifles, to join to Umballa.

Molloy, Lieut., Bombay, 4th Bombay Cavalry, to rejoin to Neemuch.

Fraser, Major, Bombay, R.E., on duty, to Quetta.

Reilly, Lieut.-Colonel, Bombay, S.C., on leave, to England.

Ward, Captain, Bombay, 4th Infantry Hyderabad Contingent, on furlough, to England.

Dobbie, Lieut., Bombay, Northampton Regiment, on leave, to Deolali.

Jervis, Lieut.-Colonel, Bombay, I.M.S., on leave, to England.

Windle, Major, Bombay, R.A.M.C. on leave, England.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, MARCH 10.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Rewa, left here this evening.

The P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. China, arrived here from Colombo this morning.

The P. and O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Palawan, arrived here from Colombo yesterday morning.

LONDON, MARCH 10.

The P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Formosa, arrived here this morning.

LIVERPOOL, MARCH 10.

The Anchor Line steamer Asia, left here for Bombay the day before yesterday evening.

HONGKONG, MARCH 11.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Tientsin (extra) left here for Bombay this afternoon.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Tivol from Calcutta, left Colombo for Bombay, on the afternoon of the 10th instant, and is expected here on the morning of the 14th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's chartered s.s. Leopoldina from Trieste left Suez on the 11th instant and is expected here on or about the 27th instant.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MARCH 10.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

Surats quiet.

Good Bhownuggar 3 23-32.

The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols 94 5-16

3 per cent. Rents 101 1-4

3 1-2 per cent. Stearing Loan 103

3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers 64 1-2

Bar Silver 25 1-16

M. SANTOS-DUMONT explains that the accident to his acrostat, which nearly cost him his life, was due to a sunstroke on the balloon, which dilated the hydrogen, and made the fore-end of the balloon go up to an angle of nearly sixty degrees. While the balloon was almost standing on its head, says the "Daily Mail's" correspondent, several of the wires which bind it to the framework broke; then the screw cut the wiree supporting the rudder, and the latter falling on the screw was cut up, and unable any longer to guide the machine. M. Santos-Dumont, fearing to be dashed against the hotels of Monte Carlo, opened the valve and descended into the water. The motor of the flying machine, valued at £800, has been recovered. A subscription has been opened to offer M. Santos Dumont his next airship. The Duke de Dino heads the list with £120. The aeronaut says the lesson was a good one, and that he will now have to provide against a fall into the sea far from any help.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

BOND STREET GALLERIES.

LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY.

ROYALTY AND MUSIC.

LONDON, FEB. 21,

GARDENING is at present, with one unmentionable exception, the prevailing enthusiasm; conversation is larded with strange Latin names, and work on horticulture and seedsmen's catalogues are your only fashionable literature. To meet the public need, now that the outer world lies in the grip of winter, the Fine Art Society has come to the fore with a considerable collection of drawings of gardens. Art must step in when Nature fails us and the Society could not well have chosen a more convincing exponent than Mr. George S. Elgood. Of these sixty-nine water-colours of gardens, native and foreign, there is not one without its individual charm. Both the mainly architectural gardens of Italy, such as those of the Villas Cigona and Bardini, and the typically floral gardens of England are here depicted, and each alike receives exquisitely sympathetic treatment. Mr. Elgood clearly is a true garden-lover, and perceives that the growth and habit of the isolated plant is as material an element of our delight as the full mass of well arranged colour. Acting on his understanding, while in no way sacrificing the larger effects of atmosphere and distance, he has drawn his flowers with the most tender and loving care. The roses in "Viscountess Folkestone," the "Canterbury Bells, Florence," the "Larkspurs," the "Purple Iris, Nice," the roses again at "Villa Arson, Nice," to name but a few of many, are little gems of studious appreciation. It is somewhat unfortunate for Miss Ina Clogstoun that her renderings, of gardens should have been brought into such close propinquity to those of Mr. Elgood, for, under the inevitable comparison with his delicate and exhaustive method, her bolder and less searching manner produces a not altogether warranted impression of coarseness and carelessness. In grasping the general effects of flower groups, as in "Lavender, Abbots Ripon," "The Last of the Flowers," "In the Physic Garden, Oxford," and "The Gay Garden, Hinchinbroke," she attains considerable success, and when she condescends to a closer study of the plants in detail, as in the vine trellis and asters of "November in a Venetian Garden," she shows that she is not without a feeling for form and growth. Much the same defects and merits mark Miss Mary Barton's drawings of Irish life and scenery. She has selected her subjects with taste and discretion, and has generally contrived to master the essentials of her theme, and Ireland, on her showing should not be so distressful a country as we are so insistently told it is. Of Nature in her brighter aspects—"Sunset on the Bog," "Salt Marshes, Wicklow," "Spring Weeding," and "The Beauty of Neglect" deserve special commendation, while the quieter mood of "A Grey Evening" and "At the Glen, Sligo," is no less pleasantly conveyed, but she also is too often apt recklessly to eliminate the significant as well as the superfluous, and to represent by undifferentiated colour-blotches that which in nature is full of incident.

There is a quaint old-fashioned air about the thirteen pastels of Mme. Gitti, on view at the Modern Gallery, and they are drawn with a dainty certainty of touch, but they are rather slightly tinted sketches on a toned background than adequate illustrations of the applicability of pastel. Mr. Hector Caffieri has fleeted the summer months to good purpose in the neighbourhood of Boulogne and now, in the frosty greyness of a London February, under the inspiriting title of "Cliff, Coast, and Quay," presents the results to us at the Continental Gallery. Despite an overlavish resort to body-colour there is an assured cleverness of handling and charming sense of colour displayed in these fifty-seven drawings. "A Breezy Dip" is full of the dash and movement of the sea, and the drowsy heat of summer on the cliffs is well expressed in "Trespassers." The luminous haze of early morning is happily realised in "Landing Fish," the peace of twilight in "A Water Lane, St. Omer," and the tempered glare of a high sun behind thin clouds in "Glistening Sands and Rocky Cliffs." The small collection of cabinet paintings and drawings at the Woodbury Gallery, though containing no picture of notable distinction, includes a fair number of sufficiently pleasing minor works by deceased and living artists. Among the former are a fresh and briskly executed Muller, "A Breezy Day," a good early Constable, "The Watermill, near Dedham," and a favourable example of Naemyth, "The Fisherman's Retreat." Among the latter "A Sunny Forenoon" by Martin-Breton is conspicuous for its facility and truth, and "En Route to the Bois de Boulogne," by Carlo Brancaccio, for the audacious freedom of its technique. The same qualities characterise eight other canvases by him, of which "Venice, Sunset," is a bright and invigorating piece of knife-work. Of other foreigners, Boudin, Julien Labrie, and Paul de Lisio are seen to advantage, while the claims of British art are ably supported by Mr. Alexander Young. These, however, find their fullest justification in the quite exceptionally important collection of water-colour drawings by British artists, past and present, garnered by Messrs. Agnew at the Old Bond Street Galleries. So fully represented are the masters of the art that its history might almost be compiled from the specimens here exhibited alone. De Wint, William Hunt, Clarkson, Stanfield, Varley, David Cox, Copley Fielding, and a score of other famous names confront one in the catalogue, and all are attached to good, often to unusually good examples of the painter's skill. Such, to select but a tithe, are "Carting Home the Plough" (Cox), "Landscape With Cattle" and "Ullerston Priory" (De Wint), "Lambeth" (Varley), "Cymon and Iphigenia" and "Wild Orchid and Primrose" (W. Hunt), "Coast of Antrim" (Clarkson Stanfield), "Scarborough" and "Road leaving Ireton" (Turner), and "Vale of Neath" (Copley Fielding). Nor are the more recent masters neglected. Always characteristic, and in many cases excellent, works by A. W. Hunt, Burne-Jones, Rossetti, Fred Walker, Pinwell, T. Collier, Wimperis, and many other men of note are here. It is a display that no lover of this truly home-bred branch of art should miss.

"Little Lord Fauntleroy" is announced to appear "for a few special performances" at the Avenue Theatre, "with entire company transferred from Wyndham's Theatre." One may congratulate the company which thoroughly deserves the success it had on Monday. But we cannot congratulate the theatre. Anything more difficult to sit through—and indeed if it had not been for the excellence of the acting and the interest of the play it would not have occurred to an ordinary theatre-goer to sit through it—than the performance given at the Avenue Theatre on Monday it would be difficult to conceive. The thermometer was down to twenty degrees Fahrenheit, or something of the kind, and the theatre is naturally draughty. Yet it was not warmed, so far as it could be ascertained in any manner whatever: there was not even a fire in the foyer nor in any place accessible to the shivering person who sat through three charming acts simply because they were charming yet who devoutly longed for a place where he could dispel the effects—chilling to the faculty of critical appreciation as well to the ordinary human body—of icy breezes blown steadily upon his evening-dressed person for the best part of two hours and a half. It is surely a strange thing or ought to be a strange thing, to see the whole of the "stalls" in a London theatre sitting through a play with overcoats on and collars turned up. Yet that is what happened at the Avenue Theatre, and the management surely ought to realise that it is bad business to compel a would-be appreciative audience to shiver. Why cannot a London theatre manager realise that part of the success of any play he can possibly produce must be regulated by the degrees of comfort he can provide for the spectators of that play? Everybody will not go to see "Little Lord Fauntleroy" so long as in this frosty weather the theatre is a theatre of icebergs. But the play itself is thoroughly well worth seeing. The company "transferred direct from Wyndham's Theatre" act it delightfully. The story of the play is, of course, too well-known to need description. But although something has been said already as to the excellent acting of the play of Wyndham's matinee company, there still remains something more to be said now that the matinee performances at Wyndham's have been supplemented by evening performances at the Avenue. Neither Miss Marion Terry nor Mr. Will Dennis will object to particular attention being drawn to the work of a younger and smaller actor. Miss Marion Terry's Mrs. Errols—somehow printed Mr Errol on the programme—was quite admirable. But then we knew Miss Marion Terry, and we expected it to be admirable. Miss Terry could not be better. She realises the part exactly. Nor could anyone better fulfil the part of Lord Dorincourt than does Mr. Will Dennis—why, by the way, is he throughout the play consistently referred to as "the Earl"? would talk of the Earl in ordinary life? These as Miss Terry and Mr. Dennis will forgive us for saying, are minor parts. The real success of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" considered as an acted play must turn and does turn on the powers of a child-actor. Master Vyvian Thomas as Lord Fauntleroy—One has to call him Master Thomas, though surely no more hideous or absurd term than "Master" was ever devised as the prefix of a small boy's name—had the failure or the success of the play in his hands. He succeeded wonderfully. If there is one thing that is difficult, it is, and must be, for an ordinary London audience to be convinced by a twelve-year-old boy. The child-actor who took the part of Lord Fauntleroy did succeed in convincing his audience. Nobody would wonder if a girl had convinced an audience: we may hope, perhaps, that as successful a future as an actor awaits "Master" Vyvian Thomas as once awaited Miss Marie Wilton.

The Prince of Wales will on Monday afternoon pay his first official visit to the Royal College of Music since he succeeded the King as President of the institution, and his Royal Highness will be accompanied by the Princess. The Royal party will arrive about half-past three, and will be entertained by the students at a performance limited to an hour, given in the new concert room, which was opened last year by the Duke of Cambridge. The programme, besides other things, will comprise English works by Sullivan, Elgar, and Pearsall, while Sir Hubert Parry, the director (and the munificent donor of the concert organ), will "by command," be represented by his Ode "To Music," written for the inauguration ceremony last year. Dr. Elgar, will be asked to compose a Coronation Ode, which will, it is hoped, be heard for the first time at the State performance contemplated at Covent Garden during the Coronation week, the solo being undertaken by Madame Melba. Although no official intimation has yet been received, there is a report that for the decoration of the Opera House on that occasion the King is in favour of artificial rather than real flowers. The guest will probably prove a true one, for at the last "gala" some of the singers complained that the scent of so many natural flowers affected their voices, and as it was necessary to postpone the decorations till the very last minute, the workwomen were scarcely out of the place before the company arrived. But there will be plenty of real and rare flowers carried by the ladies in boxes and stalls. Mr. Maurice Grau who last week celebrated his thirtieth anniversary as manager (a Rubinstein tour was his first essay), has settled the details of his "gala" performance at the Metropolitan Opera House in honour of Prince Henry next Tuesday. Boxes will be £50, stalls £6, and standing room (the lowest price) £1 a head. The decoration of the house with American beauty roses and Florida smilax will cost about £4,000. The programme will comprise the first act of "Lohengrin" second of "Carmen," third of "Aida," second of "Tannhauser," first of "Traviata," and the third scene of "Le Cid," and the representation is expected to last from eight p.m. till about half past one on the following morning. Happy orchestra! The cost of the performance including artists and decorations, is estimated at £16,000.

There was so much that was tawdry and unreal and overloaded with sentimentality in "Memory's Garden" that it might be easy to forget that in one scene there was a sense of humanity for which one might look in vain in plays which are better written than this and more successful than this is likely to be. There was so much that was false that it might be easy to forget that there was something that was genuinely true. But in Messrs. Albert Chevalier and Tom Gallon's second act was a scene between a ruined girl and the father of her betrayer, and another between a father and son both of which conveyed an impression, very rare in the theatre, of the naked reality of human passions in conflict. It did not last very long. Before it, and after it, and all around it, was an excess of melodrama and an excess of sentiment, and a lack of emotional reticence which did much to obscure its genuineness. Even while it lasted, it was over emphasised. Everything was underscored twice too heavily, and said twice too often. But there was something which rang true, and that is uncommon enough in theatrical writing not to be allowed to pass without notice. The story of the play turns upon the relations of George Cartwright, the darling son of an old clergyman, with a village girl, who had been his boyhood's companion. He loves and rides away, returning to find that a child has been born, and that another playmate, later his servant, has taken upon himself the wrong that was not his, and is ready to marry the mother and confess himself the father of the child. In the best-written scene of the play the girl tells the old clergyman that she will not enter into this marriage, and, while refusing to give the real name of her betrayer, tells him enough for him to guess that it is his own son. Then there is a scene, in which the father tries to persuade the son to do his duty, and confesses that he is himself the author of such a wrong so tardily repaired, and that he, the son, is the fruit of that wrong. There are possibilities of drama in this situation which are scarcely more than suggested in its treatment—the force of the son's anger at his father's confession being in itself a revelation of the depth of his own wrong. But so far as it goes the scene is handled with a genuine feelling for human nature, and it is genuinely impressive. But if certain scenes of the second act contained merits which should not be overlooked, the whole of the rest of the play was on a level to make one wish it forgotten as quickly as possible. Pathos in carol singers and frosty moonlight. Sentiment in an elaborately ponderous allegory around the broken legs of a sugar Cupid from a Christmas tree. Comedy in a wearisome blind man with a dog who talks about his good fortune in not having married. Rustic life, in villagers and children with spotless clean print frocks and sun bonnets, who appear against an impossible background of Christmas card laburnam trees and pelt the Queen of the May with red roses (which they are fortunate enough to have in some profusion at that season of the year). All the paraphernalia of the crudest melodrama are trotted out, all its absurd unrealities. The acting was remarkable chiefly for a charming performance of the betrayed Jessie Ferbridge by Miss Norah Lancaster. Although her acting showed inexperience, it also showed quite exceptional talent and charm. Mr. Mackintosh made the most of his picturesque manner and incisive voice as the old clergyman, and was impressive in spite of a distressing tendency to overact. Mr. Bassett Roe was vigorous and rather dignified as Dick Miller, the ruined girl's faithful protector, and Miss Carlotta Addison and Mr. Denis Eadie were valuable in smaller parts.

SOLICITORS' EXAMINATION.

THE following articled clerks have applied to the Prothonotary of the High Court for admission to the examination for the office of solicitor of the High Court, which commences at an early date:—1. Messrs. Framjee Saspurjee Mehta, articled clerk to Messrs. Little and Co. 2. Manekjee Pestonjee Billimoria, articled clerk to Messrs. Eggelow, Guinbchand, and Wadia. 3. Cowasjee Jamsetjee Billimoria, articled clerk to Messrs. Framjee and Dinshaw. 4. Hormusjee Dadabhoy Shroff, articled clerk to Messrs. Wadia and Ghandi. 5. Jehangir Perozshah Mehta, articled clerk to Messrs. Crawford, Brown, and Co. 6. Chandulal Vajubhai Dewan, articled clerk to Messrs. Ardasir, Hormusjee, Dinshaw and Co. 7. Raghunandan Nanu Kothare, articled clerk to Messrs. Nanu and Hormusjee. 8. Dharamsey J. Thakore, articled clerk to Messrs. Craigie, Lynch and Owen. 9. Jamsetjee Perozjee Dastur, articled clerk to Messrs. Bhalshanker, Kanga, and Girdhartal. 10. Pandurang Shamrao Lund, articled clerk to Messrs. Smetham, Bland, and Noble. 11. Davidas Motiram, articled clerk to Messrs. Matubhai, Jamsetram and Madon. 12. Shavakshah Byramjee Ardesir Nariman, articled clerk to Messrs. Ardasir, Hormusjee, Dinshaw and Co. 13. Munchershah Bomanjee Ghothia, articled clerk to Messrs. Ardasir, Hormusjee, Dinshaw and Co. 14. Gulabhai Vasonjee Desai, articled clerk to Mr. Muljee S. Barbaaya. 15. Gandardas Narandas, articled clerk to Messrs. Dhabhi and Dauphai. The date for the examination will be fixed hereafter.

NOTES FROM AURANGABAD.

OUR correspondent, writing on Sunday, says:—Following in the wake of Colonel R. A. Gilchrist, Colonel H. M. Mason, the local Station Commandant and Senior Colonel of the Hyderabad Contingent, having been appointed to the Command of the Beliary District, received a splendid sending off yesterday, when departing for his new post. He was escorted to the Railway Station by the whole of the officers of the Garrison in full uniform accompanied by their better halves, all the Native Commissioned Officers of the Infantry and almost the whole rank and file of his own Regiment, the 4th Lancers H. C. The procession was preceded by the Band of the 3rd Infantry H. C. The Railway Station was crowded with the Military element and there was scarcely elbow room for any one else. As the train steamed into the Station, there was general commotion, every one trying to shake hands with the gallant Colonel who seemed much affected by this spontaneous show of affection and regard. The scene was most impressive and one ever to be remembered, Colonel Mason shook hands with as many as he possibly could and entered his carriage when the train steamed off. Colonel Mason has only been here for about 18 months, but by his suave and urbane manner he gained the approbation and goodwill of all those with whom he came in contact. He carries away with him the best wishes of all and that he may long live to enjoy his new honors is the universal wish. Since his departure Colonel D. W. Pendon, Commanding 3rd Infantry H. C., has assumed Command of the Station, while Major R. Wapshare has taken over charge of the Lancers.

Owing to the construction of buildings in connection with the new Railway Station of the recently constructed H. G. V. R. which is in close proximity to the Lancers Parade Ground, the Military authorities are endeavouring to obtain possession of the hamlets of Puddampura and Kuranpura so as to extend their parade ground. These hamlets have belonged to the Rajas of Bikanir for 300 years. There is an ancient temple dedicated to Balajee, which is held in great veneration. The inhabitants are greatly concerned at this innovation as some of them have occupied the land for generations past and have erected substantial buildings thereon, and there is no other available spot for them to establish themselves anew. The Naib in charge of the hamlets has gone to Bikanir to consult the Raja on the subject.

The advent of the railway has given a great fillip to the local trade, and although the goods clerks are kept hammer and tongs at their work they find it difficult to clear the sheds in time. Every Station has its own feeder lines of road to the interior of the District and each supplies its own quota of trade. But a little more vigilance is greatly needed on the part of the Police, for robberies are rife everywhere. In most of those which have been detected, the Police themselves were incriminated and the crimes having been brought home to them, many of them were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment with hard labour. These men had been mainly recruited from the pensioners of the Hyderabad Contingent, but they having proved themselves unworthy of the trust reposed in them, Mr. Crawford the Railway Superintendent, has decided to infuse fresh blood into his force by recruiting from outside. This is a wise measure and calculated to do much good in the near future.

A collision occurred between two trains here the day before yesterday. A Goods Train was in the yard shunting and its engine was taking in water. Another Goods Train came down the decline, and though the brakes were put, it dashed into the standing train. The engine was seriously damaged and two wagons smashed to atoms, but fortunately no lives were lost. Telegrams were sent immediately to all concerned, and the authorities came down to make enquiries which Mr. F. C. Crawford Railway Superintendent and Magistrate, is at present conducting.

The hot weather has now set in with severity, but how it is to end no one can prophecy. I previously informed you that there was apprehension of a drought, and it has only come too true. Scarcely has the cold season ceased; when stringent orders have been issued to restrict the supply of water for only a few hours morning and evening every day. The taps being limited in number, crowds gather there and day and night quarrels take place between the parties for priority. Every attempt was made last year to supplement the meagre water supply by sinking and deepening and clearing wells, but with no adequate result. The same is to be attempted now, and the result is awaited with grave anxiety.

A curious case of fatal joking was brought before the Divisional Sessions Judge two days ago, when it transpired that two brothers entered a jowari field in a village of the Vyzapur Taluok to eat some raw corn. A scuffle ensued between them and the keeper when the latter throwing his opponent on the ground tied a string around his neck to make believe to strangle him. Unhappily the poor boy was suffocated and before any help could be given to him he was lifeless. The Mir Adul (Divisional Judge) sentenced the accused to imprisonment for life. Both were nearly of the same age, viz, about 17 years.

One of the standards in commercial circles has passed away in the person of Ootamchand, son of Ruttonchand, the eminent local banker.

A curious case of attempted murder is at present engaging the attention of the Mogal authorities in the City. An Agent of the late Ootamchand Ruttonchand's firm was found with his throat cut in his house in the city at noon. He was immediately removed to the Hospital, where he lies in a precarious state. He gives the names of two prominent men as the perpetrators of the deed, and both are under arrest, undergoing their trial. But the curious point is that one of the suspects is a resident of the Cantonment and the British authorities refuse to hand him over till his guilt has been finally established. Mr. A. C. Hankin, C.I.E., Inspector General of H. H. the Nizam's Police, has come down to watch the case on behalf of the Police, and to demand his extradition. Such a cause célebre has never been heard of here before, and the greatest excitement prevails among the Mahomedan community, both high and low, whose staple item of conversation is has now become. The progress of the case is being watched with the keenest interest by all classes. The trying Judge is Mr. Syed Hussein Bilgrami, B.A., B.L., First Class Talookdar, Aurangabad, whose court is crowded to overflowing daily.

At no time in the memory of the oldest inhabitants has the rate of exchange between Halli Sicca and Government coin been reduced so low as at present. During the late famine the rate was 27 per cent. par 100 Government Rupees, but now it has dwindled to 9 per cent. which has paralysed traders, farmers and ryots alike. Hally Siccas are in very great demand just now as the Jummabundi will commence very shortly and farmers will have to pay in their land revenue demands, but the essential coin is not to be had, nor can it be procured from any other State. Trade is almost at a standstill and ruin stares the farmers in the face. The principal staples exported to Bombay are cotton and linseed, but they are paid for in Government (British) coin, so that the burden of loss must fall on the poor cultivators. The only remedy appears to be the reopening of the mint by the Nizam's Government and the purchasing by it of all available Government Rupees.

This morning, while some women were digging for white earth to clear their houses in a cave, the upper portion fell in burying one poor woman in the debris. She was extricated with much difficulty and conveyed to the Hospital where it was ascertained she had received several severe injuries in addition to her leg being fractured. Tetanus has supervened and she is not expected to recover.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

CHARGES AGAINST BROKERS.

AT the Esplanade Police Court yesterday Mr. Karsandas Chabildas, the Third Presidency Magistrate, heard the case in which Bai Revabai, wife of one Motichand Hirachand, charged Gabroochand Vestachand and Bapalal Gordhan, both brokers, with criminal breach of trust in respect of ornaments worth Rs. 2,250 and abetment of the same. Mr. S. B. Spenser, pleader, appeared for the complainant, while Mr. De Souza, pleader, defended both the accused.

The story of the complainant was that she wanted to sell some ornaments as she was in need of money. She told this to one Nemchand Hemchand, a broker, who introduced her to one Khimji Mawji, also a broker. Khimji Mawji did not buy the ornaments. She was then introduced to both the accused by the same Nemchand on the 22nd January 1901. Both the accused came to her and wanted to take away the gold and pearl ornaments for approval. Then Nemchand Hemchand drew up a list of the ornaments and got the signature of the 1st accused on the "Jangad Chithy." Both the accused then left with the ornaments promising to return within five or six days. A full week passed away and no one came. She then asked Nemchand to make inquiries. Upon inquiry it was found that No. 1 had left for Patan, while the second accused used to put Nemchand off. Some time after the broker Khimji Mawji came back and informed her that her "Vail" was with a merchant Rattanlal Rangildas. With a pretext of buying the same the complainant went to Rattanlal and made sure that the "Vail" was hers

The defence was that the allegations made against both the accused were untrue. Not only were they not entrusted with the ornaments, but they had no acquaintance with complainant whatever. Neither had the first accused given his signature on the "Jangad Chithi" nor had any one of the accused pledged the pearl Vail with Rattanlal. The complainant was instigated by persons who were inimical to them both to file a suit against them. Evidence for the defence was taken and the Court adjourned.

THE GOCULDAS TEJPAL CHARITIES.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR.

AT the Gocouldas Tejpal Boarding School Buildings, Gowalia Tank Road, yesterday afternoon, the distribution of prizes gained in connection with the Gocouldas Tejpal Charities Schools for Boys was held. His Excellency Lord Northcote, Governor of Bombay, attended and distributed the prizes. Accompanying him was Mr. Du Boulay, his Private Secretary.

WELCOME TO LORD NORTHCOTE.

The proceedings opened with an address of welcome to His Excellency delivered by Mr. Govardhandas Gocouldas Tejpal, who said: Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It gives me great pleasure to heartily welcome your Excellency and express, for myself and on behalf of the Managing Committee, our sincere thanks for the kindness, with which your Excellency consented to do us the honor of presiding at to-day's prize distribution ceremony. We all know how busy your Excellency is. The Governorship of an Indian Province can never be a bed of roses, and trying must be the due discharge of the arduous duties, attached to the august office. Your Excellency holds—and holds with such credit to yourself and with beneficial results to the people, over whose destinies your Excellency so worthily preside.

This is hardly the occasion to review your Excellency's success for administration, or to recount at length the inestimable qualities of the head and the heart, of which unmistakeable evidence has been so often given during the three years your Excellency has been amongst us, but I cannot let this occasion pass without referring to them. Suffice it to say that the conscientious and thorough impartiality which have marked the general policy and the living interest and undying sympathy for the classes as well as the masses which has characterized every measure of your Excellency's eventful administration have won the grateful admiration of your subjects, and made your Excellency's name a household word throughout the Presidency. But what has touched most the grateful Indian heart is the perennial spring of private charity, which has so copiously flowed from Government House, and in regard to which Lady Northcote has proved so worthy a spouse of so generous a friend of the poor and distressed. Your Excellency's presence here, to-day, is one more illustration of the readiness with which your Excellency is so anxious to give the weight and dignity of your support and approval to all movements, calculated to further the social or moral well-being of the people. I will not take up your Excellency's time by going into details of the nature of the various institutions we maintain. The report of our Secretary will show how and with what splendid results they are worked. I will only content myself with expressing my best personal thanks to the gentlemen of the General and the Managing Committees, and especially to our Chairman, Mr. Bhalshanker Nanabhai for the abiding interest they take in the administration of the Charities, and the manner in which they do their best to carry out the benevolent intention of the donor, I may take this opportunity of expressing how deeply we felt the irreparable loss we sustained by the deaths of the Honourable Mr. Justice M. G. Ranade and Mr. Lakhmidas Khimji, both of whom were members of our Managing Committee, and always took a deep interest in the affairs of the Charities. In conclusion, I again thank your Excellency for your kindness in grading this occasion, and you, ladies and gentlemen, for your responding to our invitations.

THE REPORT.

Mr. J. M. Gandhy, then presented the report which read as follows:—

The schools represent the four boys schools, which, along with a number of other institutions, the Gocouldas Tejpal Charities maintain in Bombay. These are the High School, the Anglo-Vernacular School, the Seminary and the Sanskrit Pathshala or College. At the end of the last year there were, in all, 781 students receiving education in these four schools. The number used to be much larger before the plague appeared. We had close upon a thousand boys at the end of 1896. The numerical strength of the schools has, however, begun to show distinct signs of improvement, and every care is taken, by scrupulous cleanliness and, otherwise, to keep the school premises above suspicion, so as to induce as large an attendance as possible, even when the plague epidemic is at its height. The average attendance during the last year was 693, i. e., more than 88·5 per cent. of those on the rolls. The High School is a school of established reputation, located in a spacious building of its own in Agiary Lane, and is under the management of Mr. D. G. Pandye, M. A., who is a Fellow of the local University. It was developed out of our A. V. School and began to regularly send up its students for the Matriculation from the year 1895. It has sent, since then, 175 students for the examination; and 79 out of them came out successful.

The Anglo-Vernacular School is an old and popular institution founded by the generous donor in his life time. It teaches the first three A. V. Standards. There were 223 boys on the rolls at the end of last year. It was examined in October last by two graduates, chosen by the Committee, the result of the examination showing a percentage of 72 of those who passed under all heads. This school too has its G

of students and teachers alike to make the best use of the advantages they enjoy. It has often struck me when visiting schools in Bombay that although a proportion of boys and girls are pointed out to me as dull students, I seldom or never hear of their unduly neglecting study for sports, as is too often the case in England. (Applause.) It is an encouraging sign to find that the great majority of pupils realize that such institutions as the Goculdas Tejpal schools were meant by their generous founders to be intellectual armouries from whence mental weapons should be drawn to equip the youth or girl for the battle of life; and that full advantage is being taken by them of this munificent provision. This real educational zeal is clearly shown in the case of these particular schools by the manner in which the number of the students has been maintained notwithstanding the plague panic. Considering how natural and how wide-spread that panic was, the managers of the schools are to be most cordially congratulated on the comparatively small diminution in the number of their students. Your report to-day shows most satisfactory results from the examination point of view; and I am glad to take this opportunity to thank the High School collectively on behalf of the Bombay Government for the very great public spirit they showed and the valuable aid they rendered in the taking of the Census last year, Mr. Padbye and those who helped him have every reason to be proud of the good work they then performed. You refer in your report to some of the other institutions maintained by the Goculdas Tejpal charities which Institutions are not, I understand, represented here to-day amongst the prize winners. But it is satisfactory to learn how successfully they continue to fulfil their beneficent objects; and particularly to hear of the flourishing condition of your Girls' School since every mind that can truly call itself progressive must desire to see the blot of female ignorance effaced from India's escutcheon. (Applause.) There is nothing now left for me to say with regard to these charities as a whole. They will always remain as a splendid memorial of the founder's benevolence, and we must all earnestly hope the example he set to his generation may stimulate to like exertions many other public spirited citizens of this Presidency. In conclusion, I have only to thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me, and to wish every prosperity to this institution. (Applause).

In proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor Mr. Bhaishankar Nanabhai, chairman of the Managing Committee said.—Ladies and Gentlemen,—I beg to propose a cordial vote of thanks to our esteemed and popular Governor for so kindly honouring us with his presence this evening and distributing the prizes, and I am sure you will pass it with acclamation. The lucky recipients of the prizes will long remember this day with pleasure and they and the other students will be encouraged in their studies by the thought of receiving prizes at the hands of such an illustrious Statesman and warm and sympathetic friend of education. You all know that there has scarcely been a single educational gathering of any importance during His Excellency's term of office which His Excellency has not gladly attended, and in which he has not taken great interest while his sympathy for the distress and suffering of the country during the unfortunate years we have passed through has been manifested in a very substantial and generous manner for which we are all deeply grateful to him. Our warm acknowledgments are no less due to his illustrious consort who has also evinced the keenest interest in the welfare of the people, and to whose earnest effort the great success of her latest philanthropic movement the Fancy Fete just over is so largely due. We are also grateful to Her Excellency for kindly visiting our school the other day and interesting herself in its work.

THE VOTE WAS CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION.

Responding His Excellency said he was emboldened by their kindness to ask that a holiday be given to the children to remind them of his visit.

This request was received with cheers and the proceedings terminated.

THE FAMINE.

BOMBAY RELIEF MEASURES.

DURING the week ending the 1st instant the prices of the staple food-grains rose in Ahmedabad, Broach Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Khandesh, Bijapur and Dharwar; elsewhere they fell.

The numbers relieved are compared below with those of the preceding week:—

	Preceding week.	Week under report.
Workers	177,462	190,817
Dependants	8,839	8,994
Gratuitously relieved in poor-houses and villages	37,577	32,279
Total	223,926	232,120

The numbers on relief works, including dependants, have decreased in Bijapur by 391, in Khandesh by 29 and in Belgaum by 14; while they have increased in the other districts as follows:—Panch Mahals 5,858, Kaira 3,813, Ahmedabad 2,102, Broach 1,082, Surat 594, Sholapur 273, Ahmednagar 229.

The numbers in receipt of gratuitous relief have increased in all districts except Ahmedabad and Ahmednagar, where they have decreased by 7,201 and 167, respectively. The following relief works were opened during the week:—

Ahmedabad.—Providing ten years' supply of metal for Taloda-Modasa Road.

Broach.—Deepening the village tank of Tantrav. Three small works under Civil Agency were opened in the Panch Mahals and two large works were closed in Ahmedabad during the week.

An allotment of Rs. 3,000 has been sanctioned for the improvement of water-supply in the Ahmednagar District.

FAMINE RELIEF MEASURES.

The number of persons in receipt of relief during the preceding and present weeks in each province is shown in the following table:—

Name of Province.	Preceding Week. Revised figures. Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.
British Provinces.			
Bombay and Sindh	131433	37550	218983
Punjab	.....	2008	2668
Ajmer-Merwara	6163	1034	7197
Total British Provinces	137596	41252	128848
Native States.			
Rajputana States	19682	4308	20990
Central India States	30614	499	31113
Baroda	23713	12779	35992
Bombay Native States	33825	4 99	38724
Total Native States	107837	21985	129819
Grand Total	295430	63237	358667

Name of Province.	Present Week. Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.	Increase or decrease.
British Provinces.				
Bombay and Sindh	195697	32268	227965	+8982
Punjab	.....	2587	2587	—81
Ajmer-Merwara	7822	724	8546	+1349
Total British Provinces	203519	35579	239098	+10250
Native States.				
Rajputana States	22703	3624	26327	+2337
Central India States	27994	432	28426	—2687
Baroda	24338	12796	37064	+1072
Bombay Native States	32790	3312	36102	—622
Total Native States	107825	22094	129919	+100
Grand Total	311344	57673	369017	+10350

BOMBAY ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Your correspondent D. S. M. does not appear to understand the first principles of debate. To all his opponents' arguments he has replied by reiterating the fact of his 20 years' experience, some feable attempts at facetiousness. He talks of English not being the be all and end all of education. Now who said it was, and what has it to do with the point at issue, viz., the fitness or otherwise of foreigners as English teachers. Unless my facetious opponent can give the public the benefit of those 20 years of his unique experience in some practical shape, his iteration and reiteration of the fact, unbacked as it is by argument, is to no purpose. I would beg of him to keep to the point at issue and not to get involved in the bewildering meshes of his verbosity.—Yours, &c.,

PONS ASINORUM.

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. S. Rebsch, presiding. There were present Brigadier General Ventris, Mr. D. W. Shepperd, Mr. F. Macrae, Mr. Sassoon J. David, Mr. D. E. Wacha, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. E. Gray, the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, Major H. C. Meyer and Mr. H. C. Armstrong.

COLABA RECLAMATION SCHEME.

The Board considered the Colaba Reclamation Scheme.

The Chairman proposed that the Reclamation Scheme together with the representation made by the Corporation, be submitted to Government for sanction.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola said that he supported the scheme both at the meeting of the Board and of the Corporation, because he thought that their resources should be increased and that the income which they derived would go towards the relief of the burden that would ultimately fall on the Corporation. Government had handed over to the Trust a large area of vacant lands at moderate rates, which were leased by them and from which they derived high rates and a rate of interest, which formed one of the items of their revenue. He did not refer to the Municipal lands because they had not so far succeeded in leasing much of them. Their second source of revenue was the two per cent, which the Corporation was bound to pay. Their third source of income was the reclamation scheme. But under the Act the ultimate liability in regard to their loans, which practically meant their expenditure, lay on the Corporation under the guarantee clause, and therefore if they made any income out of the reclamation schemes, it was to relieve the Corporation to that extent. As under the Act the city was represented by the Corporation, he asked if it would be wise on their part to proceed with the scheme at present as to give the Corporation an intimation that if they did not want them to develop their resources, and as they were, a body ultimately responsible under the guarantee clause, the scheme had better be postponed. He therefore moved an amendment that the question be postponed for eight months, and the matter might then be referred to the Corporation to see whether they would not, under the then existing circumstances, accept their intention of relieving them of a portion of their liability and that after the expiration of that period the scheme might be re-submitted to the Corporation for re-consideration.

The chairman said that Mr. Ibrahim seemed to have forgotten that the Board was permitted to undertake some seven schemes involving a very large amount. In view of the development of their resources, he was against the postponement of the scheme. It was necessary for them, if they wanted to maintain a regular scale of operations in the future, that they should be ready with an income on which they could borrow money to carry out those schemes.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim said that they were not restricted in their borrowing power to their income. In case they were unable to meet the interest and the sinking fund charges on their loans, the Corporation was to find the money.

The Hon. Sir Bhalchundra said that there was no likelihood of the Corporatoon re-considering thematter. He did not think that during the next eight months there would be such a change in the personnel of the Corporation as to induce them to change their opinion. He did not think anything would be gained by postponing the scheme.

Dr. Viegas was opposed to the postponement of the scheme.

Mr. Wacha in opposing the scheme said that the Corporation were of opinion that theescheme should at present be postponed sine die, and that in the meantime other schemes might be taken in hand in order to improve the insanitary slums of the city.

Mr. Ibrahim's amendment was put to the vote and negatived.

Mr. Wacha moved another amendment to the effect that the scheme be postponed sine die. This was also rejected.

The original proposition was adopted by a large majority.

AGRIPADA ESTATE.

The Board accepted the application from Ba Mithibai Mugaseth for the lease of plots Nos. 7 and 8 Agripada Estate.

PLOT BEHIND FRERE FLETCHER SCHOOL.

The Trustees considered an application from Messrs Sitaram and Mirza for the lease of the small triangular plot at the back of the Frere Fletcher School for building purposes.

It was resolved that the Trustees were not prepared to accept any application for that piece of land at present.

MAHALUXIMEE RACE COURSE.

The Board considered a letter from the Honorary Secretary, Western India Turf Club, requesting permission for the extension of the Grand stand and laying of a fresh track.

The Trustees granted the application, subject to the terms of their sufferance.

HORNBY ROAD ESTATE.

The Board refused the application from Mr. R. D. Tata for the lease of plot No. 70 on Horaby Road at a reduced rate of rent, Mr. Tata stated that he wished to erect only a one storeyed building on the plot in order to secure light and air for the buildings erected by him on the neighbouring plots.

After transacting some other business, the Board adjourned.

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE RETURNS.

THE cases of plague and deaths therefrom reported to Government during the week ending February 21st, were as follows:—

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	877	701
Karachi	54	47
Poona (including Cantonment).	95	89
Districts.		
Panch Mahals	2	0
Kaira	594	343
Broach	184	136
Surat	108	85
Thana	60	45
Khandesh	1,087	800
Nasik	83	57
Poona (excluding City)	137	105
Satara	749	502
Sholapur	290	223
Ahmednagar	2	2
Kolaba	11	11
Ratnagiri	16	14
Belgaum	835	657
Bijapur	8	4
Dharwar	1,009	691
Political Agencies.		
Kanara	5	7
Hyderabad (Sind)	33	32
Shikarpur	4	1
Kathiawar	27	19
Kolhapur	637	400
Dutch	68	51
Rewa Kantha	153	109
Baroda territory	242	151
Sachin	10	4
Janjira	42	33
Aundh	5	3
Savanur	39	34
Total	7,512	5,336
Week ending February 14th	5,831	4,403
Total to date	676,345	517,851

Ahmedabad, Karachi, (excluding City) Upper Sind Frontier, Thar and Parkar, Mahi Kantha, Palanpur, Savantwadi, Dharampur, Akalkot and Bhor were free during the week,

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	3	8
B Mandvi, Chanchla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	32	14	29
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khambhatwada	45	24	52
D Chetwazy, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	24	11	25
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	80	29	62
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	22	9	17
G Mahim and Worli	21	10	23
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	22	31
Total	228	122	248
Total plague deaths to date	107,726	93,377	
Same date last year	131	174	338

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending yesterday was 1790 as against 1739 during the previous week. Of the total number 893 died of plague which showed an increase of 36 over the preceeding week. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 2549 which included 1196 deaths from plague.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

WINTER OILSEEDS.

THE second general memorandum on the winter oilseeds crop of the season 1901-02 is as under:—The accounts of these crops are uniformly unfavourable, the failure of the winter rains having induced a condition of drought which restricted sowings and afterwards injuriously affected the growing crop. In the Panjab and the Frontier Province the crop of rapeseed on unirrigated land will perhaps hardly yield a harvest, and about four-fifths of the crop is grown on such land. In Sind also the crop is not good. In the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and in Bengal and Madras, conditions are better and a fairly good crop in anticipated. But in the Central Provinces, Bombay, Berar, and the Nizam's territory the drought, rats, and insects have combined to reduce the yield to a level very much below the average.

The reports from the provinces are summarised below: In the Panjab in the first forecast the area under rapeseed sown up to the end of November was estimated to be 814,700 acres, or 47 per cent. less than the area entered in the preceding year's final report. It is now estimated that only 790,100 acres are under the crop and seeing that there has been no rain since the crop was sown, and 75 per cent. of it is on unirrigated land, prospects are gloomy.

In the North-West Frontier Province the area is now estimated at 106,900 acres. Prospects are reported to be very bad owing to the continued drought, and unless rain falls within a week or so the yield will be very small, the crop being almost entirely dependent on rain.

In the North-Western Provinces, and Oudh, the season has been unusually dry and growth has been retarded where the supply of moisture was insufficient. The light rain which fell towards the close of December and the beginning on January, was of benefit to the rapeseed and linseed crops, which were badly in need of rain. The crops have generally escaped from fungoid disease, but rapeseed is reported to have been somewhat injured from frost in places. Harvesting has now commenced: in the Meerut and Agra divisions, where rain was scanty from the beginning, but where oilseeds are not largely grown, the yield is not expected to exceed 75 per cent. of the normal. In the other divisions the crops are comparatively better, being about 90 per cent. in Allahabad and 80 per cent elsewhere.

In Bengal there was no rain in December and January, and all the rabi crops have suffered severely in consequence. The normal area under oilseeds is estimated at 4,102,000 acres, but the area actually sown this year is returned at only 3,805,500 acres, against 3,872,700 acres last year, the decrease being due to drought in the sowing season. The yield will amount, according to the estimates of the district officers, to 78 per cent. of a normal crop, and this figure may be taken as correct. If, however, general rain should fall before the middle of March, it is probable that an 80 per cent. crop will be harvested. The area, and the proportion of the estimated yield to the normal, are:

Linseed	781,100 acres	68 per cent.
Rapeseed and mustard	1,925,700 "	81 "
Til { Rabi	295,700 "	85 "
Til { Bhadoi	89,500 "	82 "
Others	673,500 "	70 "
Total	3,805,500 "	78 "

In the Central Provinces the season has been abnormally dry. Rain in October was confined to a few more or less local showers, and there was none in November and December. In the first half of January some showers fell in the north of the province, the Narbada Valley, and the plateau districts, which improved prospects. Germination was generally unsatisfactory owing to the dryness of the soil The hot dry weather which generally prevailed was averse to the young plants, and insects did much injury. The area sown is estimated to be about 548,000 acres or 11 per cent more than that sown last year, land in which earlier crops had failed being subsequently sown with linseed, but it is 44 per cent. below the average. The district figures indicate a yield for the province of only 54 per cent of the normal.

In Bombay the area under linseed in Gujarat is estimated at 1,000 acres, or 63 per cent. below the average. Sowing rains were deficient. The crop is suffering from absence of moisture and injury by rats. In the Deccan the area is 102,000 acres, which is 23 per cent. over last year's, but per 44 cent. under the average. The crop has suffered from want of moisture. Rats have also injured it in most places in Khandesh. In the Karnatak the area is 37,000 acres, or 26 and 59 per cent under last year's area and the average respectively. The decrease is due to deficiency of sowing rains. The crop has almost withered in Bijapur and parts of Belgaum and Dharwar. Injury from insects has also been reported from places.

In Gujarat the area under rapeseed is only 500 acres, or a seventh of the average. In the Gujarat States the area is 15,800 acres, or 67 per cent below the average, the decline being due to deficient late rains. The crop is good in Cutch and Palanpur but poor elsewhere owing to the injury done by rats. In Sind the area is 107,000 acres or 29 per cent. below last year's and 16 per cent. under the average. The decrease in Karachi and Larkhana is attributed to low inundation, and in the Upper Sind Frontier to the loss sustained by the cultivators owing to the failure of last year's crop. Elsewhere the supply of water is good and the condition of the crop fairly good. In Khairpur the area is 8,600 acres, or more than double the average. The crop is in fair condition.

In Madras, the area sown with castor seed is about 5 per cent. more than last year but is considerably below the average. The deficiency is most marked in the Deccan districts, by which the early part of the season was unfavourable. The crop is almost everywhere reported to be fair or good, and especially so in the Circars and Southern districts, so that it is probable that the actual yield may prove to be more than 86 per cent. of the normal yield from the area sown.

In Berar the area is estimated at 179,300 acres, being 19 per cent. larger than last year, but 17 per cent. below the average. A larger area than last year was devoted to the cultivation of "rabi" crops, owing to sufficient moisture in the soil at sowing time. The crop, which promised to be fair, has been considerably injured by rats, and only a poor crop can now be expected. The estimated yield will probably be 35 per cent. of the normal.

In the Nizam's Territory the area and estimated yield are as under:

	acres.	tons.
Sesamum	377,033	10,811
Linseed	370,376	9,893
Rapeseed and mustard	12,077	200
Others	1,111,395	24,315
Total	1,870,371	44,334

The area is 3 per cent. smaller than that of last year, but it is larger than the average. The yield, however, is smaller than last year or the average owing to the unfavourable character of the latter part of the monsoon.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WHEAT.

The Second Memorandum on the Wheat Crop of the Bombay Presidency for the Season of 1901-1902. (Information up to 20th February) States:—

Total area in Presidency, including Sind and Native States, 1977 lakhs acres or 13 and 37 per cent. respectively below last year and average. Decrease general and due generally to deficiency of late rainfall in Presidency and to low floods in Sind. Substitution of jowar and other crops also accounts for some decrease. Crop suffered from insufficiency of moisture everywhere, particularly in Gujarat and eastern parts of Deccan and Karnatak. Rats have further done extensive damage to surviving crop throughout Gujarat and Khandesh. Here only a very low outturn is expected; elsewhere the crop will yield somewhat better. In Sind a fair crop will be gathered.

Gujarat.—Area 114,000 acres; 38 per cent. below last year's and 62 per cent. below average. Decrease due to scanty late rains. Crop suffered from wans of moisture and from scantiness of well water, particularly in the north. Rats have damaged surviving crop everywhere and only a very poor outturn expected.

Gujarat States.—Area 325,000 acres; 22 and 18 per cent. below last year's and average. Decrease due to absence of late rains. Crop damaged by rats in Baroda, parts of Kathiawar, Palanpur, Mahi Kantha and Cambay. Where helped by irrigation condition of crop good, elsewhere poor.

Deccan.—Area 408,000 acres; 3 and 53 per cent. under last year's and average. Late rains partial and increase in area in some talukas insufficient to make up the deficit elsewhere. Crop suffered from absence of late rains and deficient water-supply in wells. Injury from rats reported from all talukas of Khandesh, three of Nasik, one of Nagar and one of Satara. Crop diseased in one taluka of Sholapur. Expected outturn middling to poor.

Deccan States.—Area 12,000 acres; 41 per cent. under average; crop good in Phaltan; elsewhere dry crop almost withered. Irrigated crop poor. Disease reported from Akalkot.

Karnatak.—Area 272,000 acres; 21 and 44 per cent. under last year's and average. Rain for sowing deficient, and more area placed under jowari and other crops. Crop mostly withered in Bijapur and eastern parts of Belgaum and Dharwar. Elsewhere fair to middling. Damage by insects reported from three talukas of Bijapur and one each of Belgaum and Dharwar.

Karnatak States.—Area 72,000 acres; 23 per cent. under average. Rain for sowing deficient in places. Injury from insects reported from Miraj and Mudhol. Crop suffered from want of moisture and estimated to yeld a poor outturn.

Sind.—Area 494,000 acres; 4 & 5 per cent. under last year's and average. Increase in Thar and Parkar due to extension of Jamrao Canal; elsewhere area decreased owing to low inundation. Crop fair to good.

Khairpur.—Area 32,000 acres. Water-supply good. Crop fair.

BOMBAY LINSEED AND RAPESEED.

The Second Memorandum on the Linseed and Rapeseed crops of the Bombay Presidency for the Season of 1901,1902:—(Information generally up to 20th February.) is as under:—

LINSEED.

Gujarat.—Area 1,600 acres; 63 per cent. under the average. Sowing rains deficient. The crop suffering from deficiency of moisture and damage by rats.

Deccan.—Area 102,000 acres; 23 per cent. over last year's, but 44 per cent. under the average. Increase over last year's area general and due to timely and sufficient rain at the time of sowing. The crop has suffered from want of moisture everywhere, but more particularly in the eastern tracts. Rats have also injured it in most places in Khandesh. Deccan States.—Area 2,300 acres, one-fourth of the average, crop fairly good in Phaltan, Jath and Akalkot. Elsewhere withered.

Karnatak.—Area 37,000 acres, 26 and 59 per cent. under last year's and the average, respectively. Decrease due to deficiency of sowing rains. Crop almost withered in Bijapur and parts of Belgaum and Dharwar. Injury from insects has also been reported from places.

Karnatak States.—Area 3,800 acres 37 per cent. below the average. Crop in bad condition in Kolhapur, Sangli and Miraj, elsewhere somewhat better.

RAPESEED.

Gujarat.—Area 500 acres: one-seventh of the average. Area restricted owing to deficiency of moisture. The crop damaged by rats everywhere.

Gujarat States.—Area 13,300 acres; 67 per cent below the average. Decrease due to deficient late rains. Crop good in Cutch and Palanpur. Elsewhere poor owing to damage done by rats.

Sind.—Area 107,000 acres; 29 per cent. below last year's and 16 per cent. under the average. Decrease in Karachi and Larkhana attributed to low inundation, and in the Upper Sind Frontier to loss sustained by cultivators owing to failure of last year's crop. Elsewhere water-supply good. Condition of the crop fairly good.

Khairpur.—Area 8,600 acres; more than double the average. Crop fair.

IMPROVEMENT OF CALCUTTA.

IT is too early in the day yet to say whether the scheme for improving certain streets and opening out the congested quarters of Calcutta will receive the sanction of the Secretary of State, for the simple reason that no despatch, giving the details of the project, has ever been sent to the India Office. The statement that such a despatch is now before Lord George Hamilton and his Council seems to have been founded on erroneous information. But accepting the view that sooner or later a scheme will be formulated, it may serve a useful purpose to examine the question in some of its bearings now. If, then, a big Improvement Trust is created and the work is spread over several years, the burden of the improvements will not press heavily upon the Municipality which might be empowered to raise loans from time to time, working up to 1 1-2 or 2 crores. The demand that the Imperial Government should bear the bulk of the expenditure does not appear at all reasonable. Certainly they should give a contribution, say one-tenth of the whole sum, and the Local Government might give as much again, thus leaving seven-tenths to be borrowed in the open market. There seems to be no good reason why the wealthiest city in India should not pay for its public improvements. Moreover these will, eventually pay for themselves by the enhanced value of the adjacent lands in the areas thorugh which broader streets are driven it is a clear case for the application of the betterment principle. Further, the value of land in Calcutta has about doubled during the last twenty years, so house-owners should be able to pay reasonable taxes. The argument that because the Imperial and Local Governments have contributed very largely to public work in Simla and Darjeeling, therefore, they should make them selves responsible for similar improvements in Calcutta, cannot be maintained. Simla and Darjeeling are not commercial centres; their municipal income is very limited; and if they ceased to be summer capitals, they would dwindle down to small sanataria. They have risen from small hill villages to their present status simply because a host of Government officials move annually into residence within their bounds. Calcutta on the other hand, has long been a big native city, a great commercial centre, and a busy port, while in the last thirty years its manufacturing industries have enormously expanded. Its wealth is great, its trade is steadily increasing, and it has no need to go begging for money to Government for its public improvements.—"Pioneer."

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

BY THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL COMMANDING THE FORCES, BOMBAY.

Office of the Deputy Adjutant-General, Bombay Command
Poona, 7th March 1902.

With the approval of H E the Commander-in-Chief in India, the Lieut Genl Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointment:—4th Bombay Rifles.—2nd Lieut S B Orton 2nd Battn Border Regt a Candidate for the Indian Staff Corps, to be Officiating Double Co. Officer, dated 25th Feb 1902.

With the concurrence of the Lieut-Genl Commanding the Forces, Madras, the Lieut-Genl Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointment:—Personal Staff—Lieut and Qr M S Casson, 2nd Madras Lancers, to appoint provisionally Aide de Camp to Major Genl C J Burnett C B, Commanding Poona Dist, with effect from 17th Nov 1901, vice Major Kirk, resigned

The Lieut Gen Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments:—

5th Bombay Cavalry—Lieut E D Giles, Offig Sqn Officer, to be Sqn Officer vice Capt Hocken, appointed 4th Sqdn Comnd pro tem

7th Bombay Lancers—Lieut E F Orton Double Coy Officer 28th Baluchistan Inf Offig Sqdn Officer, to be Sqdn Officer, to fill an existing vacancy

Lieut Orton will be graded above Lieut S M Bruce, and below Lieut R L C Wilkinson

8th Bombay Infantry—Major R M Botham 3rd Double Co Comndr, seconded, Capt R Sauler, 3rd Double Coy Comdr, pro tem, and Capts M T Elderton, 4th Double Coy Comdr, pro tem, to move up in grade succession, vice Major C A Brown, appointed 2nd in Command

Capt C S Follows, Double Co Officer, to be 4th Double Coy Comdr, pro tem vice Capt M T Elderton

Lieut-Colonel G Grant Duff, 1st Battn W Y Regt, will be placed on half pay on the 7th March on completing his period of service in Command; and he is permitted to proceed to England on or after that date, travelling at the public expense

The undermentioned Officers have passed the tests for retention in the Indian Staff Corps:—

Lieut A Delme-Radcliffe 11th Bombay Infantry 2nd Lieut F G Gillies, 15th Bombay Rifles now attached to 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry

The undermentioned Officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of Lieut:—Lieut V K Garrett and 2nd Lieut R O Latham No 39 Co late No 9 Co Eastern Division R G A 2nd Lieut H C Pearson, No 29 Co late No 83 Co Southern Division G A; and 2nd-Lieut E M Little No 41 Co late No 5 Co Southern Divi R G A

ANTI-PLAGUE VACCINE.

THE following statement shows the number of doses of Plague Vaccine sent to various places from the Plague Research Laboratory during the week ending Friday, the 7th March:—

Date.	Where and to whom sent.	Doses.
	Bombay Presidency.	
1 to 4 March—	Bombay, Laboratory Officers	5
3 March—	Ahmedabad, Civil Surgeon	500
1 March—	Berar, Civil Surgeon, Wun District	50
4 March—	Mulkapur, Civil Surgeon, Buldana District	502
	Rajputana	
4 March—	Jaypore, Residency Surgeon	100
	N-W P	
1 March—	Dehra Dun, Dr Sarah Vroman, M D, Girls' High School, A P Mission	24
4 March—	Allahabad, Capt Fullerton, I M S	502
4 March—	Dehra Dun, Civil Surgeon	104
	Punjab	
1 March—	Kasauli, Civil Surgeon	217
3 March—	Amritsar, Civil Surgeon	24
3 March—	Simla, The Health Officer	500
4 March—	Ludhiana, Dr Miss Edith Brown Medical School	397
5 March—	Patiala, Chief Medical Officer	3,023
3 March—	Ludhiana, Civil Surgeon	1,510
6 March—	Karnal, Civil Surgeon	100
	Total sent out during the week under report	7,521
	Total sent out since 1st January 1902, in addition to above	1,07,299
	Total sent up to December 1901	24,89,690
	Grand Total	26,04,583

WHAT is likely to be the most costly beef-steak pudding in the world has just been ordered from the Cheshire Cheese by Mr. Charles M. Schwab. On the day after his audience with the King, Mr. Schwab partook of a portion of the famous pudding at the Cheshire Cheese, and was so impressed with it that he inquired of Mr. Moore, the manager, how many people could be fed with one pudding. On being informed that 100 persons could be satisfied, he offered Mr. Moore £500 if he would bring one of the puddings to the States, and carve it at a dinner in a New York club house. Mr. Moore asked for time to consider the proposition, and Mr. Schwab left after assuring him that the offer would stand. Mr. Schwab afterwards confided to a Transatlantic friend that he would give such a dinner as his fellow-millionaires across the Atlantic had never before sat down to. Mr. Moore is sending a quantity of the old sack—worth a guinea a bottle—as well as the pudding to the Steel Trust manager. There will be a disposition to take this report (taken from the "Express") with a grain of salt; but a reporter who inquired at the Cheshire Cheese was informed that the statement was correct.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE GREAT BANK FRAUDS.

THE ACCUSED SENTENCED.

LONDON, February 23rd.—The accused who were found guilty in connection with the Liverpool Bank robbery were sentenced by Mr. Justice Bigham on Saturday.

Thomas Goudie and Richard Burge were each sentenced to ten years' penal servitude, and Frederick Kelly and William Stiles each to two years.

His Honour, in sentencing Burge, said that he had cheated and terrified Goudie, whom the robbery had benefitted little.

Kelly restored £17,000 to the bank, Stiles £1,594 and Burge 30,000, in addition to £43,000 the amount of the banking accounts of Manass and "Larry" Marks, two of the accused who have disappeared.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK.

EIGHTEEN LIVES LOST.

London, February 23rd.—A serious fire broke out yesterday at the armoury of the 71st American Regiment, New York.

The flames spread to the Park Avenue Hotel with the result that 18 persons were killed and 50 injured. Great damage was done before the flames were subdued.

"JACK THE RIPPER" MURDERS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

London, February 21st.—Eight "Jack the Ripper" murders have been perpetrated recently in San Francisco, all the victims being girls.

THE CONCENTRATED CAMPS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BY A BOER PRISONER.

A Boer prisoner of war writes to the "Civil and Military Gazette" follows:—This is rather a delicate subject to handle especially in my present position, as there is such a feeling as animosity amongst the majority of prisoners against their opponents, so that if any fellow-prisoner tries to put the truth before the world he is called a British subject, hand-supper, private detective, a wolf in sheep's clothing, and more similar epithets; in fact he is called everything he is not, and life is made rather hard in camp for such a delinquent (in their estimation). I am not, Mr. Editor, giving you my views on these camps, but simply the facts of what I saw and beheld during my stay of two months in such a camp. The camp I allude to is the concentrated camp at Kroonstad O. R. C., and according to statements I heard and saw, supposed to be one of the worst camps in South Africa. I see that from time to time some rather serious accusations are brought forward by some Members of Parliament at Home, and if I was at liberty I daresay I could point out that these accusations are mostly exaggerated, and a mere venting of spleen, but I refrain from doing so at present for the above reasons. I trust, however, that the time is near that freedom of opinion will be granted even to a Boer prisoner. Now to this camp, I find per my diary (which I kept whilst in the field and even up to the present) that we were called together in the month of May 1901, whilst in Ladysmith camp, and told that we were to be sent to our different district townships. We gladly welcomed this news and anxiously counted the days that had to bring this change about. As "everything comes to those who wait" it also came to us, and so we proceeded to this camp, minus an escort, well stocked with mouth provisions for the road supplied by the military. Our journey was rather tedious, but we reached Kroonstad three days after our departure, and immediately proceeded to camp. As a reinforcement of the male sex was at the time gladly welcomed there was quite an ado on our arrival. The fair sex turned out "en masse" and told us that a batch had already arrived from Capetown and some more batches were yet expected, which proved to be correct, and so we were quite a jolly crew.

Next day I went round camp on a regular tour of inspection to convince myself as to the reports I heard. I found this camp under the supervision of a Superintendent and staff appointed by the military, this staff being residents of the Transvaal and O. R. Colony. Civil law is in force there, and anybody not complying with the camp rules is taken before the magistrate (the same that acted there previous to the war). There is also a committee consisting of Boer members, who have to visit the camp regularly and report to the military should any complaints arise. The hospital staff are practically all of our own people viz., Dr. Van der Walt, Sister Annie Parkins, and some twenty young ladies who act as nurses; all these ladies are from camp and are paid £3 monthly for their services each; also some Boer orderlies who get the same pay. I visited the hospital almost daily, and made enquiries as to the cause of deaths, etc., and was assured that it was mainly due to the fact that in the majority of cases they wait until the patient is hopeless before taking him or her to the hospital; they believe more in the Dutch medicines than in the doctor, consequently he is approached when the patient is already beyond his reach. I know of a good many who pulled through simply because they went to hospital in time. The refugees could please themselves as far as medical attendance was concerned, for private doctors were allowed to practise in camp at leisure. The hospital staff nursed the sick very tenderly, and I will always remember them very kindly. This camp comprises a few thousand families, and is consequently very large, and can yet be largely extended should it be required. The scale of rations is the same for children as for adults, viz., the same as served out to any other prisoner of war; so it is rather an advantage to a family which consists of mostly children, for as they can't consume their share of rations it leaves so much the more for the adults in the family. Each family is supplied with a bell-tent, and if large they get as much as three tents for one family. They are also allowed to fix up corrugated iron structures, or make any other improvements they like, and as the majority of refugees all brought some furniture with them, the camp has quite a bohemian appearance, and it is quite a treat to hear the music, vibrating through the air from more than one tent at night. Some of the male refugees keep milch cows and sell the milk for the supply of the hospital; others have their wagons, carts and horses there; and some even have sheep and goats which they keep out there. There are four shops in camp and one butcher's shop. The refugees get served with raw meal, and some of the best bread I ever tasted is baked in this camp. There is a big square in this camp where the young congregate every evening for sing-songs and dances, and whilst engaged at such they seem so happy and all care seems forgotten, but I am sorry to say that more than one already received his death of cold there.

Boer foot-police are on duty in camp day and nigh to see to the cleanliness of the camp, as well as to watch for irregularities and are paid by the military. No Tommy is allowed in any of these camps, and if he strays anywhere in the vicinity of any of these

WRITERS AND READERS.

Sir William White, who recently retired from the great post of naval constructor, may give us a book. He has several times been asked to write one on the progress of naval architecture within recent years. Sir William's part in this progress has been so large, that the volume must, more or less, be autobiographical. The writing of it depends on his health.

Mr. Gilbert Parker has completed the dramatisation of his novel, The Right of Way which appeared last autumn. No doubt the piece will be produced both here and in America before long. Americans are hoping to see Mr. Richard Mansfield play Charley Steele, a part which they think would suit him greatly. On this side of the Atlantic the novel has done very well, but in America it has had an enormous success.

Mr. Fisher Unwin is to publish a little series which really describes itself in its general title, the Welsh Library. It is being edited by Mr. Owen Edwards, whose volume on Wales, in the Story of the Nations Series has met with singular success. The idea is to gather into the library what may be called the classics of Welsh literature—writings with which the average English reader is, as yet, little familiar. A Welsh literary renaissance seems to be in progress, and this is part of it.

Mr. John Murray is publishing another book by Mr. Montgomery Carmichael, who recently wrote an agreeable one about Tuscany and its people. The scene of the present volume, which is cast in the form of a character study, also lies in that sunshine region. What we have is a biography, so to speak, of the outer and inner life of an Englishman who is a scholar and a mystic. He is concerned with the deeper side of Catholic mysticism, and, indeed, the touch of serious thought belongs to the whole story.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc once walked from his village in France to Rome, and a book which he has just finished relates to this journey. As it included the crossing of the Alps, it is very modestly described in the title of the work, The Path to Rome. Mr. Belloc's monographs on Danton and Robespierre have already made us familiar with his qualities as a writer. He will now also be seen as an artist, for these notes of travel in Italy have sixty drawings by him. Mr. George Allen will publish the book early in April.

A volume on Dante and the Divine Comedy is announced by Mr. John Lane for early publication. It is by Mr. Payling Wright, and consists of short studies which assume an interest in Dante, rather than an intimate acquaintance with his works. They are intended to serve at once as an incentive to beginners and as a help to those who have already been caught by the cult of Dante. Their standpoint is quite independent, and in one of them is advanced what is believed to be a new theory of the motif of the Divine Comedy.

Mr. Dent is to publish, under the title of Recreations and Reflections, a volume of papers that have appeared in the "Saturday Review." They are on all manner of subjects, and the list of writers is also extensive. It includes Mr. Swinburne, Mr. Cunninghame Graham, Mr. Churton Collins, Mr. Selwyn Image, Mr. Arthur Symons, and Mr. G. A. B. Dewar. Mr. Dent also makes the announcement that the next volume in the Temple Classics will be Boethius's Consolations of Philosophy, translated by Mr. W. V. Cooper. The first translation of this work, as need hardly be said, was made by King Alfred.

Now, good angels, preserve the King! This quotation from the Tempest is on the page of a volume which Messrs. Chapman are to publish next week. It is entitled The Crowning of a King, and is a record of coronations in all ages, as these bear upon the coming Coronation. The writer is Miss M. F. Johnston, and her book has illustrations. She noticed some of the changes which have gradually come about in the ceremonies attending our English coronations. The King's road to Westminster, this summer, will not be covered with cloth of Tyrian dye, but it would have been a few centuries ago.

Mr. Edward Arnold's spring list makes mention of several interesting volumes, among them being the following:—Cross-Bench Views of Current Church Questions, by Canon Hensley Henson. Finland: Its Public and Private Economy, by Mr. N. C. Frederiksen, formerly Professor of Political Economy in Copenhagen University. The Field Training of a Company of Infantry, by Major H. H. Craufurd, late Grenadier Guards. A Ride in Morocco among Believers and Traders, by Frances McNab. The last-named author has written a very readable volume of travel in South Africa. Frances McNab is a "nom de guerre" but no doubt it stands for a Scottish Lady.

A series of addresses, by the late Archbishop of Canterbury, on the Acts of the Apostles has been in preparation for some time. The work, which his daughter, Miss Margaret Benson, has supervised will now be issued by Messrs. Macmillan. The addresses were delivered in Lambeth Palace Chapel between the years 1887 and 1892. They were meant to be educative in the sense that they dealt largely with the religious and social responsibilities of life. The addresses were not written by Dr. Benson, but were delivered from such notes as the pressure on his time allowed him to prepare. Their publication in Book form is made possible by reports taken down by those who attended them.

Mrs. Hodgson Burnett, who often visits England, has been spending the winter in New York.—Mr. Robert Barr has changed the title of his book relating to the adventures of James V. of Scotland, and it will now be called A Royal Tramp.—Man, Woman and Fate is a novel by Miss Iza Duffus Hardy which Messrs. Chatto will publish shortly. Miss Hardy is the daughter of Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, who was Keeper of the Records.—Will of the Wisp is the title of a novel of Lancashire life by Mr. John Garrett Leigh, which Messrs. Dent are about to publish.—Mrs. Edith Wharton's novel, The Valley of Decision, will be issued soon by Mr. Murray. The chief character in it is an Italian duke of the eighteenth century.—The Beautiful Mrs. Moulton is a novel by Mr. Nathaniel Stephenson, a young American writer, which Mr. Lane will publish this spring.—Mrs. C. N. Williamson has a story called The Silent Battle coming out with Messrs. Hurst and Blackett.

M. Maeterlinck's new volume of essays will be published in April by Mr. George Allen. The title is not yet definitely fixed.—Max O'Rell has now finished the manuscript for his volume, Studies in Cheerfulness, which Messrs. Chatto will publish. He is in America.—Mr. John Lane is to publish a play by Mrs. W. K. Clifford, under the title The Long Duel. It will be ready in the course of the spring.—The fourth volume in Mr. Heinemann's series on the World's History will be published in a few days. It deals with the country and peoples of the Mediterranean.—Mr. Elkin Mathews is to add to his Vigo Cabinet series of verse a volume entitled Urlyn the Harper and Other Songs. It is by Mr. Wilfrid Wilson Gibson.—Next week Messrs. Chapman will publish Mr. Vandam's translation of the Recollections of the Congress of Vienna, which Count de la Garde-Chambonas wrote. He was an eye-witness of the greatest gathering of crowned heads that the world has seen.

The condition of Count Tolstoy is grave; but while there is life, it is said, there is hope, and he is still alive as I write. Another of the long list of eminent invalids has succumbed. Lord Dufferin's death is only in an indirect and secondary way a topic for the literary column. Yet his early and only book, Letters from High Latitudes, has more vitality in it to-day (and we are getting on for half a century since its publication) than have the two complete works of many more professional authors. People who set an overweening value on literature as compared with life might on the strength of that brilliant early literary promise say he had given up to the Foreign Office what was meant for mankind. Yet most people would prefer to make history than to write it.

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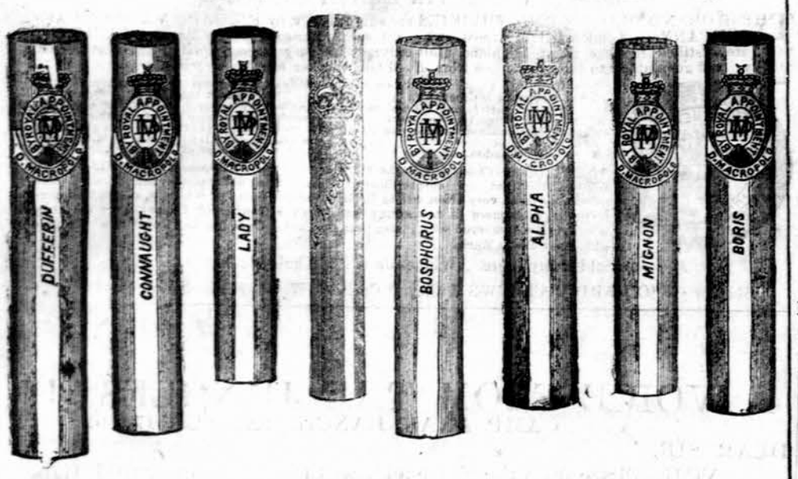

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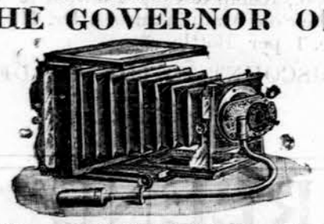

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